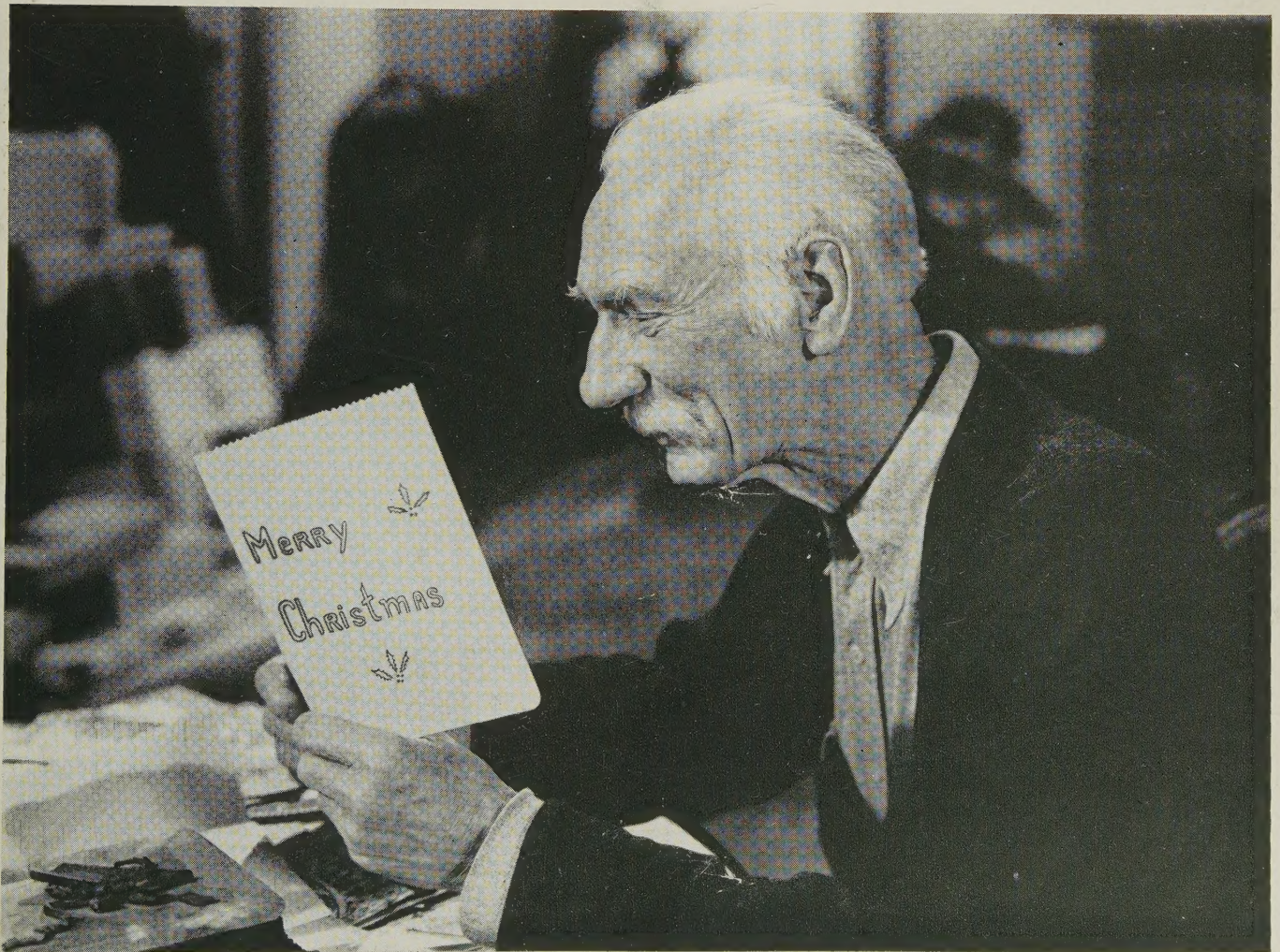


Christmas Programs and Sermons

Church Management



THE GUIDING STAR

Illustration, Courtesy Family Films

NOVEMBER
1951



VOLUME XXVIII
NUMBER TWO

The Guiding Star

3 Reels... 16mm sound, black & white
\$12.00 per day in December... balance of year \$8.00



The story of Uncle Henry, a militant Christian who 365 days of the year lived the resolutions that most people make once a year. On Christ's birthday Uncle Henry, by seeing through Christian eyes and acting with a true heart, enlightens an embittered mother and reunites a long unhappy and misguided family group. A truly heart-warming human relation story vividly revealing the soul-warming advantages of good living and thinking.



Now willing and ready to help you... Donald Lantz (former assistant Director of the Department of Audio Visual Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ). As newly appointed Religious Coordinator of Family Films offers his services without charge in the preparation of your religious audio visual programming.



FIVE NEW RELEASES WIDELY ACCLAIMED BY USERS:

"BIBLE ON THE TABLE"
 "RIM OF THE WHEEL"

"THE BARRIER"
 "TALENTS"

"HONOR THY FAMILY"

Available also are 14 other recent and stimulating films dealing with vital moral teaching problems. More than two hundred film libraries and denominational publication houses supply Family Films for your use. Rental rates: 2-reel films, \$6 per day; 3-reels, \$8; 4-reels, \$10. For further information and free catalogue write directly to: Family Films, Inc., Dept. CM-11, 8840 Olympic Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California.

Family Films, INC.
 HOLLYWOOD 28, CALIFORNIA

Selected Short Sermons

by Earl Riney

Most people are to be pitied more than hated.

* * *

Someone has said: Thanksgiving Day is only our annual time for saying grace at the table of eternal goodness.

* * *

Do not wait for a special day to be thankful. He who waits for Thanksgiving Day to be thankful will not be thankful when it comes.

* * *

Thanksgiving is nothing if not a glad and reverent lifting of the life to God in honor and praise of his goodness.

* * *

Let us give thanks to God upon Thanksgiving Day. Nature is beautiful and fellowmen are dear, and duty is close beside us, and God is over us and in us.—Phillips Brooks

* * *

People who are willing to be fair and reasonable do not become emotionally upset and explode when dealing with others.

* * *

Happiness is found in gratitude.

* * *

Gratitude is the first step in victorious living.

* * *

There are individuals, homes, and churches that have been little vestibules of hell because of ingratitude.

* * *

Be thankful for people, for they are worth your time, love, and patience.

* * *

The spiritual laws of gratitude do not change; try only to save yourself and you will inevitably fail.

* * *

Criticism and faultfinding are almost always the overflow from pride.

* * *

Man's greatest source of destruction is inside himself.

* * *

When we put spiritual welfare first, ingratitude will tend to vanish.

* * *

The best Thanksgiving is Thanksgiving.

* * *

Thankfulness for God's mercies is sure guarantee against Christian indifference.

* * *

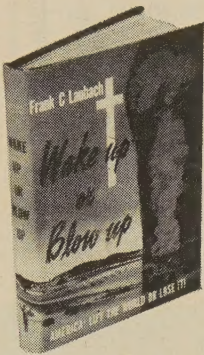
God has given us many reasons for thanksgiving. May we have grace to be thankful.

* * *

God's mercies are new every morning and we should give thanks every morning.

Significant books

for the Minister's study



WAKE UP or BLOW UP

America: Lift the World or lose it!

FRANK C. LAUBACH

As war clouds gather, every thinking American is asking: Is war inevitable? Are our cities doomed to atomic destruction? How can we stop Communist aggression and attain peace? Dr. Laubach believes his method of applying practical Christianity will heal the wounds of the world before they fester under the poisonous influence of the Kremlin. His plan of alms for love rather than arms for war will cost *no* lives and far fewer dollars than the price of a huge war machine such as we are now building.

\$2.00

HOW TO MAKE CHALK TALK

STELLA O. BARNETT

A book of wholesome story lessons, each story of which has an accompanying drawing instruction. Learn to talk so eloquently and illustratively that young people will never fail to be impressed. You needn't know how to draw a straight line—the author's simple instruction and a minimum of inexpensive materials are all that is necessary. This book brings the art of illustrating talks within reach of all and provides means of impressing great truths on minds of all ages.

\$1.75

50 DEVOTIONAL SERVICES

PAUL N. ELBIN

Designed to meet the needs of a large number of regular and occasional leaders of public worship programs—this useful volume is based on the study and experience of a successful leader over a period of fifteen years. It combines an up-to-date manual of ready-to-worship services together with the rules and the responsibilities of leadership. Whether the service be short or long, the leader, experienced or a novice, has at his fingertips a wealth of usable material.

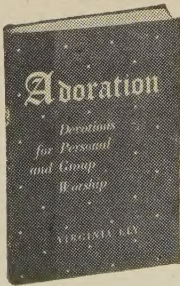
\$2.50

ADORATION

VIRGINIA ELY

Devotions for Personal and Group Worship. Forty-six inspirational messages filled with spiritual adventure. Single quotations and background material are included for full-length public devotions. A treasure chest for individual worship, invaluable for the minister's opening devotional services. Skillfully arranged, it includes everything from a single verse of Scripture or an inspiring, short religious verse for private meditation, to background material for a full-length, public devotional service. It is prose, poetry, and Scripture gathered together conscientiously and carefully.

\$2.00



at your local bookstore

FLEMING H. REVELL COMPANY—WESTWOOD, N. J.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

NOVEMBER, 1951

SEASONAL

From Darkness to Light (Worship Program)—C. Wesley Cope	15
Christmas Is a Family Affair (Drama)—Lillian Doyle Sitler	18
Everybody Loves Christmas Carols—Homer Rodeheaver	22
Christmas Miscellany	24
A Christmas Service in Your Home	26
The Road to the Manger—Philip Jerome Cleveland	84
Christmas Carol Briefs: A Christmas Wish to Our Church Family, 32; Christmas Carol, 32; End of the Year Prayer, 32; I Heard the Bells, 59; God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, 73; Good King Wenceslaus	76

THE WASHINGTON PILGRIMAGE

The Purpose of the Pilgrimage—Harold Cooke Phillips	28
The Religious Faith of Abraham Lincoln—Theodore A. Distler	30
The Inspirational Significance of Thomas Jefferson—Edward L. R. Elson	34
This Nation Under God—Anson Phelps Stokes	36
Christian Pilgrims of Today—Angus Dun	39

CHURCH BUILDING

Edenton Methodist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina	8
First Baptist Church, Twin Falls, Idaho	12
Church Doors Invite or Repel—John R. Scotford	11

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

Extending the Use of Church Flowers—James A. Dillon	16
Modified Use of Bequests to Churches—Arthur L. H. Street	77
History of Modern Church Flags—Charles A. Gearing	80
New Products for Churches	87

THE MINISTER

Ministerial Oddities—Thomas H. Warner	6
Preaching in Advent—William R. Buitendorp	56
When Greatness Needed Encouragement—Fred Smith	82

THE MINISTER'S WIFE

The Pastor's Wife—Joyce Engel	68
It's Fun to Raise Money—Margaret Ratcliffe	68

THE CHANGING WORLD

Impressions of Our Protestant Churches—David A. MacLennan	9
Some British Universities of Today—Frank H. Ballard	13
Religious Remarkables—Scheel	47

WORSHIP

Seasonal Prayers—J. Richmond Morgan	42
---	----

HOMILETIC MATERIAL

Selected Short Sermons—Earl Riney	3
Nine to One (Thanksgiving Sermon)—Eugene Dinsmore Dooloff	44
Productive Pastures—Hobart D. McKeehan	50
Poetic Windows	52
Selected Prose	52
From Darkness to Light (Christmas Sermon)—C. Wesley Cope	70
Biographical Sermon for November—Thomas H. Warner	74
The Bulletin Board—Charley Grant	79

BOOKS

Bookish Brevities	55
Reviews of Current Books	60, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67

EDITORIALS

Reflections on the Washington Pilgrimage—From the Top Down	7, 8
--	------

EDITORIAL ADVISORY BOARD

William H. Leach, *Church Management*

Harold F. Carr, Minister, Lakewood Methodist Church, Lakewood, Ohio

Harold Cooke Phillips, Minister, First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland

Beverley Dandridge Tucker, Bishop of Ohio (Protestant Episcopal)

Robert B. Whyte, Minister, Old Stone Church, Cleveland, Ohio

THE EDITOR'S DRAWER

Ambassador to the Vatican

The big religious news of the past few weeks is the recommendation of President Truman that General Mark Clark be named a full-fledged ambassador to the Vatican. The resentment of Protestantism is natural. But the move has astounded no one in close touch with the President's ideas. He is suffering under a complex which leads to a conviction that the free peoples are fighting a holy war and all churches should support the effort of the state. The Roman Catholic Church probably would welcome this program and be glad to lead all religious bodies in such a conflict. Some people seem to think that the ambition of every theist should be to shoot atheists. Protestant churches won't go along with this.

Our contributions from the Washington Pilgrimage of American Churchmen are very timely in this respect. We suggest that you read each one of them, including the leading editorial. They will give further light.

William H. Leach

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION—Price per copy, 30 cents, except the July issue which is 60 cents. Subscription One Year \$3.00 where United States domestic rate applies. Two Years, \$5.00. Foreign countries, 50 cents per year additional. Canada, 25 cents additional. University Microfilms, Ann Arbor, Michigan, is the licensed distributor of microfilmed copies of annual volumes.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS—Always give both old and new addresses when requesting change for mailing.

MANUSCRIPTS—The editor will be glad to consider articles which may be submitted for prospective publication. Articles should be typewritten. Unavailable manuscripts will be returned if accompanied by return postage.

CHURCH MANAGEMENT is published monthly except August by Church Management, Inc., 1900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland 15, Ohio. President, William H. Leach; vice president, John K. Leach; secretary, Paul R. Roehm; treasurer, Mrs. Lucille B. Tweedle. Publisher, William H. Leach.

Entered as second class matter, October 17, 1924, at the post office at Cleveland, Ohio, under the act of March 3, 1879. Printed in Cleveland, Ohio, U. S. A., by The Independent Press, 2212 Superior Avenue.

ADVERTISING OFFICES

Los Angeles 14
Duane Wanamaker
610 South Broadway
VA 9363

Chicago 1
Macintyre, Simpson & Woods
75 East Wacker Drive
Tel. CE 6-1715

New York 17
H. Thayer Heaton
415 Lexington Avenue
Tel. MU 2-1647

Philadelphia 2
H. K. Strauser Advertising Service
1505 Race Street
Tel. RI 6-8056

Christendom's Most Comprehensive Commentary

★ THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE—the most complete and efficient working tool ever devised for the preacher and teacher of God's Word—fills one of the greatest needs of the Christian ministry. It is the *new* comprehensive Bible commentary that

- ★ Gathers together all that reverent scientific studies have *discovered* about the Bible
- ★ Provides the preacher and teacher with practical stimulus and help in *interpreting its truths* to those who depend upon him for guidance in Christian living

Designed for Practical Use

THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE is arranged for *your* working method. *On a single page* it lays before you the chief material you need—

- ★ **Bible Text** in both the King James and the *new Revised Standard* versions—at the top of the page in parallel columns
- ★ **Exegesis**—full notes to make clear the meaning of the Text
- ★ **Exposition**—an interpretation that throws the light of the Text upon specific human needs—things you can preach and teach about

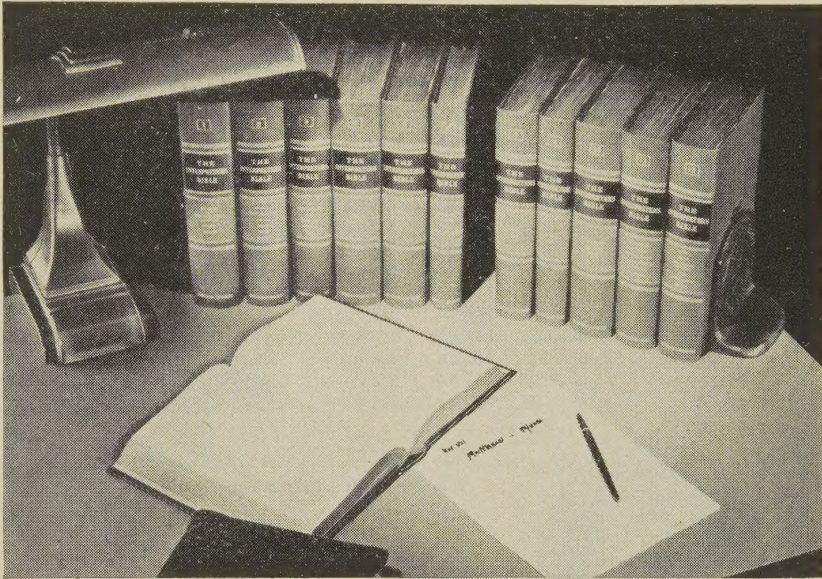
These three elements—Text, Exegesis, and Exposition, continuing from page to page in the same distinctive positions—make up the “working page,” the heart of THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE and the secret of its unique efficiency.

Background for Fullest Understanding

In addition, THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE brings you an abundance of other materials for background or special information—a comprehensive, revealing Introduction to each biblical book; 540 pages of General Articles covering vital subjects on the whole Bible and on each Testament; many outline and topographical maps; and in Volume XII exhaustive, usable indexes that will find for you quickly whatever you want in the whole commentary.

THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE

A Complete NEW Commentary in 12 Volumes



A Complete Bible Library

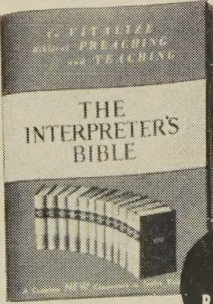
THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE is a complete Bible library—100 ordinary length books packed into twelve handsome, convenient volumes. In these twelve volumes 146 of the best biblical scholars and preachers of our time—enlisted from all parts of the English-speaking world and representing a cross-section of Protestantism—share with you their Bible knowledge and preaching power.

VOLUME VII NOW READY

917 Pages • Size 6 $\frac{7}{8}$ x10 Inches • \$8.75

The first volume of THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE to be published is Volume VII, containing the General Articles on the New Testament and the complete commentary on the Gospels of Matthew and Mark. The other volumes will appear at half-year intervals until all twelve volumes are published.

*Send for the
Complete Story*



This detailed prospectus tells the complete story of THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE—explaining its plan, scope, content, and practical usefulness; sample pages; editors and contributors; and publication schedule. Your bookseller will send you a copy free. Mail him this coupon today!



Please send me the Prospectus telling the complete story of THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE, published by Abingdon-Cokesbury

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ZONE _____
STATE _____

PUBLISHED BY ABINGDON-COKESBURY



Sallman's GREAT Christian Art

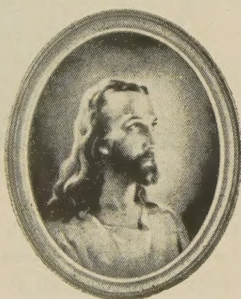


ALL CHRISTENDOM is enriched by the artistry of Warner Sallman. A devout servant of the Master, Sallman has consecrated his rare talent to Christian purposes. From a life of sincere faith and spiritual experience have come his eleven great artistic interpretations of Christ. A never-ending source of comfort and inspiration, they are an impelling influence for all ages. *There Is a Sallman Picture for Each of Your Needs!*

Burnished Bronze Rope Design Pictures

Each Sallman Masterpiece is available in three sizes in frames of rich, burnished bronze with lovely rope design. Perfect gifts for any occasion. Individually cartoned for immediate delivery. Order by number.

TITLE	Price \$6.95 (18½x22½)	Price \$3.95 (12½x16)	Price \$1.95 (9¼x11½)
Head of Christ	M4700	M4500	M4300
Gethsemane	M4701	M4501	M4301
Heart's Door	M4702	M4502	M4302
Good Shepherd	M4703	M4503	M4303
Boy Christ	M4704	M4504	M4304
Christ at Dawn	M4705	M4505	M4305
Children's Friend	M4706	M4506	M4306
We Would See Jesus	M4709	M4509	M4309
Follow Thou Me	M4710	M4510	M4310
The Lord's Supper	M4711	M4511	M4311
Christ Our Pilot	M4712	M4512	M4312



No. M6700 The "HEAD OF CHRIST," which was Sallman's first painting of the Savior, met with instant acceptance. Christians everywhere find in this magnificent painting a spiritual quality and likeness of Christ which parallels their own personal conception of the Savior. 19½x23½. \$10.00

M5900 Large 26x32 oval, burnished gold frame. Hand lacquered. Ideal for churches. \$27.50

Small Plastic Ovals---The Perfect Low Cost Gift

Rich, clear ¾-inch deep mahogany frame with gold beading. Protective glass. Six subjects. They fairly sparkle! Lovely for group hanging. Inexpensive. Gift-boxed. Size 5½x6½.

Only \$1.00 each



M2200 Head of Christ

M2202 Heart's Door

M2203 Good Shepherd



M2204 Boy Christ

M2206 Children's Friend

M2210 Follow Me

Order Sallman Pictures from Your Religious Supplies Dealer

Ask for colorful 8-page circular 611 illustrating full line of 12 different Sallman portrayals; in sizes up to 35x45.

Warner Press

ANDERSON 10, INDIANA

Ministerial Oddities

Collected by Thomas H. Warner

Religious Deceptions

The "miracle" of the weeping statue at Syracuse, New York, which attracted thousands, was solved when a photographer watched eleven-year-old Shirley Ann Martin douse the figure under a faucet after one "crying" session.

* * *

Priests, both pagan and mediaeval, have been adepts at deception. At the Reformation the mechanism of winking Madonnas was exposed to the people. At Pompeii may still be seen the secret staircase behind the altar, and the pipes let into the head of Isis from behind, through which the priests spoke her pretended oracles. St. Chrysostom relates that he himself had seen altars with concealed hollows in the middle, into which the unsuspected operator crept, and blew up a fire which the people were assured was self-kindled.

* * *

In a West of England broadcast in 1949, this story was told. "One summer evening in 1825, a party of fishermen were steering a course for home after an evening at the local, when their slightly befuddled attention was arrested by a strange wailing sound coming from the direction of the sea. It was the night of the full moon, so they decided to investigate. . . . As they peered out to sea they soon discovered where it was coming from. Seated on a half-submerged rock was a strange creature. . . . Suddenly it dawned on those good Cornishmen that they were looking at a mermaid."

The vicar and the squire went to investigate accompanied by the villagers. As the chimes of midnight rang out she appeared. The mermaid turned out to be a young Oxford undergraduate with seaweed tied to his head and an oilskin round his legs. He spent the rest of his life within sight of the scene of his youthful hoax, where he served forty years as vicar of Morwenstow.

* * *

The menace of village gossip has so dismayed the vicar of Kingsclere, Hants, that he contemplated the formation of an anti-gossip league, members of which would sign a pledge not to gossip or listen to tales about others. The vicar said that "spicy gossip" was destroying the happiness of village life. "In my own village," he said, "if one person can find anything bad to say about another it is usually done,

(Turn to page 27)

CHURCH MANAGEMENT

Edited by William H. Leach



VOLUME XXVIII
NUMBER 2
NOVEMBER, 1951

Reflections on the Washington Pilgrimage

THE Washington Pilgrimage of American Churchmen is now a matter of record. The good people who responded to the invitations met in Washington, D. C., on September 27, 28, 29 and 30 to study at firsthand some of the evidences of the religious origins of our nation. We have the privilege of publishing in this issue some of the papers of the meeting. Others will appear later. It did not seem wise to crowd out seasonal material to reproduce all of the addresses in this one number.

Among the papers published in this number note particularly Dr. Harold Phillips' introductory statement which tells in compressed and intelligent form the purpose of the meeting and the statement of Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes given in response to the award by the editorial board of *Church Management*. Here, in brief, are the arguments for belief that our nation was founded in theistic conviction and that such belief is necessary for the life of a democracy.

The number attending was not as large as we had hoped. We who promoted it did not want too many people in the pilgrimage. Three hundred or 350 should be the limit in the movement of this kind. It is not easy to move a large group from memorial to memorial. Then there is a great value in the friendliness of a smaller group. We did not have three hundred at the first meeting. But when you consider that each person "came on his own," paid his own way and was delegated by nobody it looks as if there were a real pull in the idea.

The pilgrimage had lots of newspaper and radio publicity. Some of the great daily papers sent personal representatives to cover all the meetings. The New York *Times*, the

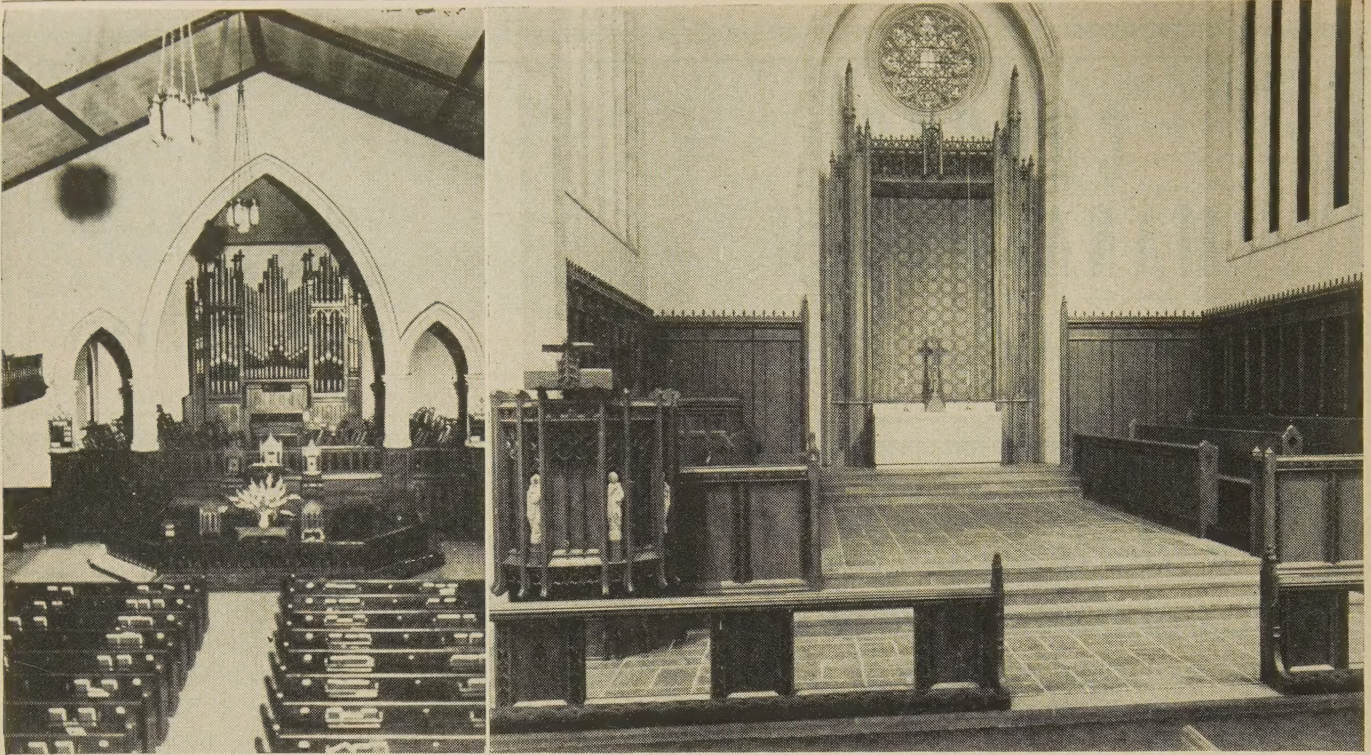
Christian Science Monitor, The Cleveland *Plain Dealer* and the Cleveland *Press* had personal representatives. *Time Magazine* had its own representative. The Associated Press had writers and photographers at all sessions. The Department of State made tape recordings of all meetings for possible use in The Voice of America. Most of the leading newspapers in the east gave considerable space. There was something about it which pleased newspapermen—both writers and editors—and they were generous in their comments.

The address of President Truman, of course, got the major publicity. But the other meetings were well covered. Second in coverage was the sermon by Bishop Dun of the Diocese of Washington, in which he took issue with one of the comments of the president. The sermon appears in this issue of *Church Management*. It might be well to clarify that controversy. The president pointed out that he had given considerable energy to bring together the various religions of the world under a common banner. Those who knew the history of his efforts saw more in the statement than did some others. President Truman sees a rising war between the peoples who believe in God and those who do not. He has hoped that the theistic religions would rally and help fight the battles of the west against atheistic Russia. It is reported that he has sent Myron C. Taylor to the Vatican to discuss this with the Pope and John Foster Dulles to the Amsterdam Conference to urge such cooperation on the Protestant churches.*

No one would go further than Bishop Dun in a desire to unite Christendom. But he quickly saw through the desire to have a united church fight the battles of a state. His rebuke was severe.

"There are frightened servants of mammon who think this might be a good time to finance

*This interpretation has since been confirmed by the President's commendation of a full rank Ambassador to the Vatican.



Illustration, Courtesy, American Seating Company

THE OLD AND THE NEW: Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina

the church to fight this threatening form of Godlessness so that mammon might be served in peace."

The Bishop is right. The church must not fight the battles of the state.

The *Church Management* dinner on Saturday night was one of the high spots of the pilgrimage. The awards of Churchmen of the Year were made to Dr. William H. Stackel of Rochester, New York, and Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes of Lenox, Massachusetts. Dr. Robert Whyte of Old Stone Church, Cleveland, gave the principal address. The editor of the magazine presided.

On the whole we were much pleased with this first pilgrimage. Our guests agreed that the various meetings did reaffirm their faith in our nation. The impact of the vast amount of publicity must have encouraged thousands more to believe that "this nation is under God."

There will be other pilgrimages. Already Dr. Harold and Mrs. Ruth Dudley are planning the one for 1952. *Church Management* will, again, assume an important part in the plans. Readers of this issue and others to follow will have a second hand taste of the good things of the unusual effort for a better understanding of the place of religion in the good old United States of America.

From the Top Down

DEMOCRACY is supposed to rise from the bottom; corruption seeps from the top. Perhaps this can be applied to the present world situation. Public and private morality is at a very low ebb. Either democracy is not rising as it should or else corruption is doing a lot of seeping.

Many of us have been astounded at the facility of men in public life to waive moral considerations in making agreements. The idea that the United States can bargain and fraternize with any nation in the world so long as it can give us military strength leads to some confusing agreements. No question is asked regarding the character of the government, the practice of democratic principles or the persecution of minorities. Totalitarian, communistic, socialistic, capitalistic—we take them all on as long as defense help is promised. Witness Franco's Spain.

Just how long can moral concepts such as this prevail at the top without seeping through to the lower strata of life? There is something strangely similar between a democracy waiving moral considerations and the small town jurist selling justice for his own security.

However you write the ticket, the time has come when a higher morality should prevail at national and international levels and democracy, again, should start its way upward.

AFTER AN ABSENCE OF 19 YEARS

Impressions of Our Protestant Churches

by David A. MacLennan

AN Oxford don once complained that most novels about his ancient university apparently were written by elderly spinsters who once spent two days in Cambridge. Reports on American church life commonly reflect similar limitations on the part of the observer. Observations here set down suffer from the fact that the reporter bases his findings on less than two years' peripatetic tours of American communities and far from all of them. Perspective gained from a theological seminary located on a New England hilltop cannot provide a completely adequate objective evaluation. Nevertheless, two qualifications may be cited: first, this reporter lived in the adjacent Dominion of Canada for nineteen years prior to returning to the republic and during this period made frequent visits to "the States"—as Canadians describe their neighboring territory—and engaged in fairly continuous study of events and trends south of the border. Canadians may resent American influences, secular and religious; they cannot escape or ignore them. Cross-fertilization of minds and emotions proceeds across international boundaries in spite of the protest of champions of a purer national culture. Again, this reporter claims an affection not wholly blind to our errors and weaknesses. Even the cockney whose treatment of his sweetheart seemed more rigorous than the tender emotion warranted could defend his actions by explaining, "I beats yer because I loves yer."

What is the chief impression as the result of two decades' absent treatment followed by nearly two years' peregrinations from coast to coast involving participation in numerous church services, ministerial conferences, and conversations with representative churchmen? This, that increased vitality characterizes organized Protestant Christianity in the United States. Gone is much of the resignation to widespread religious apathy on the part of a majority of the citizens; indeed, the apathy itself has diminished dramatically. Severe economic depression, the emergence of the welfare or service state, World War II, and the insecure world created by the clash of incom-

patible systems of power doubtless account for much of the noticeable new interest in religion. More significant than these has been the change of mind and spirit on the part of Protestant leaders both clerical and lay. Secularism no longer intimidates Christ's people as it did even a few years back. Despite serious reverses on overseas fields of Christian operations, relatively few evangelical churchmen advocate "strategic withdrawals" from the global battle line. Ecumenicity may not be thriving at the grass roots in every local field—the iniquitous crabgrass of sectarian and parochial isolationism infests too many areas—but it has a local habitation and a power unanticipated a generation ago. Is it too optimistic a reading of contemporary Protestantism to say that the majority of parish ministers and lay folk are convinced that it must be "one world in Christ" or no world in any tolerable sense? At least there are many more companies of faithful people concerned with winning, training, and conserving church members than twenty years ago. The Church as the living body of Christ is a more commanding reality among "nonconformists" than in the first years of the Federal Council of Churches. Increasing numbers of our ministers seek to proclaim the whole counsel of God in an age of anxiety and of not too carefully concealed despair. Here and there may be seen and heard preachers who harp on one string—Christianity as a

finer form of psychological self-help, for example—but for the most part the man in the pulpit and in the consulting room seeks to minister to the whole man in his varied needs, and to man in community.

For purposes of competent journalistic treatment, "The Great Churches of America" may be only twelve in number, but there are many more worthy of the designation, if by greatness we mean coming true to the essential genius of the Church as the community of the redeemed in Christ committed to the worship and service of God. In British church circles the story was gleefully told of a harassed pastor of a church whose building needed extensive and expensive repairs. He was asked by his officials to solicit a generous subscription from a domineering, wealthy and stingy member. "What's the trouble?" sneered the layman, "Is there dry rot in the pulpit?" "No," answered the minister, "worms in the pews." That there is less dry rot in the pulpits and fewer "worms" in the pews of Protestant churches than for a long time, is a conviction which I believe investigation would support. True, activism—that opprobrious epithet occasionally hurled at us from across the Atlantic—still characterizes much ecclesiastical life on denominational and parochial levels, but it has lessened perceptibly. Conceivably, our climate, cultural youthfulness, combined with our strategic geographical and economic position will continue to produce a more aggressive type of Christian witness on this continent than where older and more severely chastened Christian societies exist. Nevertheless, there are signs of a more comprehensive interpretation and application of the Gospel and ethic of Jesus Christ than appeared in the late twenties and thirties of the present century. Hot social gossellers and superheated individualistic gossellers go about seeking whom they may devour or convert, but in the message of the rank and file of parish ministers there is less bifurcation of the evangel than formerly. Is this because more pastors have assimilated the insights of the social gospel, and more socially minded prophets have gained sharper awareness of the per-

Biographical Note

Following ordination as a Presbyterian minister in Boston, and a brief Baltimore pastorate, David A. MacLennan returned in 1930 to his parents' native land and served two churches of the United Church of Canada, Emmanuel in Montreal and Timothy Eaton Memorial in Toronto. Dean Emeritus Luther A. Weigle and Dean Liston Pope persuaded him to leave his great church and help train future ministers in Yale University Divinity School. Since 1949 he has been doing this as Professor of Preaching and Pastoral Care.

sonal, interior needs of individuals? A cynical social analyst might suggest another explanation, that too many Protestant churches function mainly for one class and that class the relatively privileged, and that therefore it is safer for the prophet to concentrate on what will least disturb the consciences of his constituents. From this view I dissent. In addition to the most significant fact, namely, that which Dr. W. Norman Pittenger calls "dynamic orthodoxy," the advent and fairly general acceptance of the welfare state makes certain emphases seem less urgent and others relating to self-realization within a framework of greater economic security more imperative. Whatever the causes, the renewed vitality of Protestant churches manifests itself in a widely prevalent effort on the part of pastors and church officials to minister to the total needs of human beings in this day of danger and opportunity.

New Ministerial Appreciation

Proceeding to particulars, one detects a new appreciation of their vocation on the part of parish ministers. Inevitably, a high opinion of one's calling undergoes spasmodic eclipse under the occupational hazards of our profession. On the whole, however, more of our ministers realize both the greatness of their calling and the adequacy of available resources to exercise it. Spiritual resources have always been available, but is it wishful thinking to see a new concern for systematic appropriation of spiritual dynamics? Moreover, in spite of frequently justified adverse criticism of the curriculum and training offered in the theological seminary, seminary graduates indicate that their three years in schools for the prophets were not wholly wasted. Even pedantry, unwise specialization, the weary weight of term papers and field work, plus the not unknown disparagement of study in the "practical field" could not keep creative ideas from breaking through and useful skills from being acquired! Pastoral counseling may be the spoiled darling of today's seminary family, but for too long it suffered what its teachers call rejection. In addition to salutary emphasis on pastoral care, Biblical studies, theology, church history, social ethics, religious education are being taught more effectively and consequently are more highly valued by students for the ministry than, in recollection, seems to have been the case in theological halls a few years ago. Is it professional pride which also discerns a new interest in the preaching ministry? It is not the indulgent flattery of an "octogeranium" committed to the teaching of the homiletic art to

assert that today's theologues who take homiletics and pastoral theology seriously, on the average "communicate" better than their predecessors of the 1920's. One intelligent woman who has worked closely with ministers for many years assures me that, with a few unfortunate exceptions, this generation of ministers has less of the primadonna, of the egocentric, of the careerist, and more of the New Testament concept of the ministry than any she has known.

Unfavorable Factors

Are there any unfavorable impressions as the result of this sampling of what radio preachers are wont to describe as "the continental congregation?" Yes, and the chips fall on pulpit and pew alike. Too many of us who direct the Sabbath diet are careless about our own preparation for and participation in the public worship of God. Notwithstanding the "enrichment of services" which has proceeded apace and frequently all over the lot since the first world war, the weakest part of our service is in our services. Happily, serried ranks of organ pipes no longer occupy the focal point as a kind of grotesque symbol of deity in church buildings; the physical environment of worship has wonderfully improved. "Paid quartettes," always a dubious instrument of praise, now rarely perform in mellifluous isolation from the congregation. Traces of liturgical logic in the orders of service may be uncovered, and, when discernible, prove reassuring. What does strike a sympathetic visitor unfavorably is often the un-Protestant character of the corporate worship in churches of the reformed faith and order. In plain terms, there is too meager participation in worship by the people. Choir and minister engage in a sometimes spirited, sometimes lifeless dialogue; the leader of worship speaks audibly much with God and with his flock, but there is little active participation in either prayer or praise by those who are equally dear to the Lord, and ostensibly also seekers of him. But there must be communion if the service is to be more than a sacred concert or religious drama of which they are merely spectators. Specifically, and this despite the earnest pleas of teachers of liturgies and of friendly critics such as the late Dr. J. B. Pratt, the "long prayer" remains long. More seriously, the pastoral prayers—if we may accurately use the plural—too often disclose scanty preparation and inadequate understanding of the meaning of the *acts* of corporate devotion—Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication and Submission or Dedication. Indeed, imparting informa-

tion to deity, recapitulation of the sermon, brooding on the sorry state of the nation and world preceded by a brief address to the Father of mankind, frequently constitute the prayers of the Church. All of us have laughed at reports of alleged pastoral prayers, such as "Bless, O Lord, the Boy Scouts who meet as usual on Wednesday night at 7 p.m." or "O God, as Thou hast doubtless seen in the morning newspaper," but these ludicrous examples of praying in the holy place are indicative of unnecessary failure in one of the most important offices of the Church at worship. Let a minister study the pastoral prayers of the late Ernest Fremont Tittle if he would see how a prophet may also be a priest in the highest sense, and how congregational participation in acts of worship may be increased.

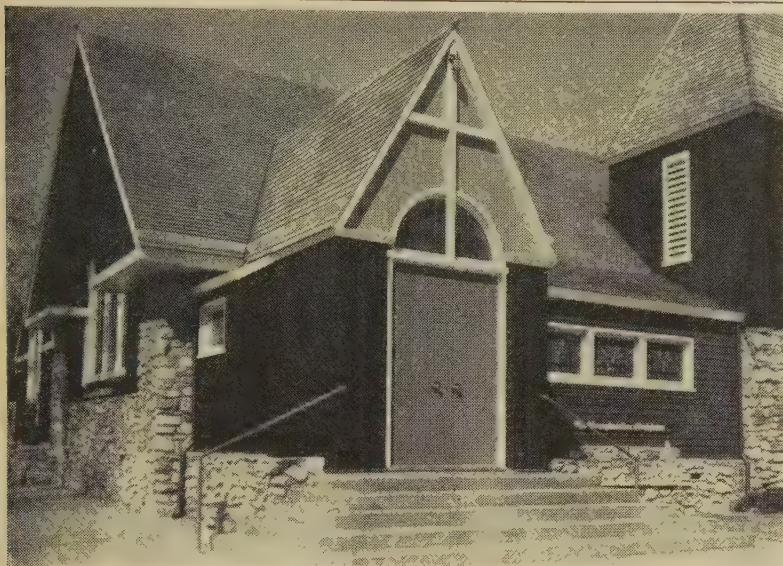
Turning briefly to our pulpit ministry, one question keeps thrusting itself forward: is there a tendency to take the color of our parishioners' religious, economic, social and political views as the "true blue" of Christian loyalty? Never should it be said that a Protestant church is either the Republican Party or the Democratic Party or the labor union at prayer. Actually, such an identification cannot be truthfully alleged concerning the majority of congregations, since increasingly a cross-section of society is represented in our membership. Yet, on occasion, the impression remains that the pastor is more concerned with comforting the emotionally afflicted than in afflicting the socially comfortable. Granted, men and women are living lives of "quiet desperation" and need all the help the minister of Christ by his grace can supply. Now and again, however, one wishes that into the insulated, air-conditioned sanctuaries of upholstered suburbia something like the lines spoken by Thomas Mendip in Christopher Fry's play, *The Lady's Not for Burning*, could be compellingly uttered in our Sunday services—to preacher and to layman:

Oh, be disturbed,
Be disturbed, madam, to the extent of
a tut,
And I will thank God for all civilization.
This is my last throw, my last poor
gamble
On the human heart.

Complacent acceptance of political corruption, racial inequity, dominance of the military mind, human need anywhere, must be shattered in Zion.

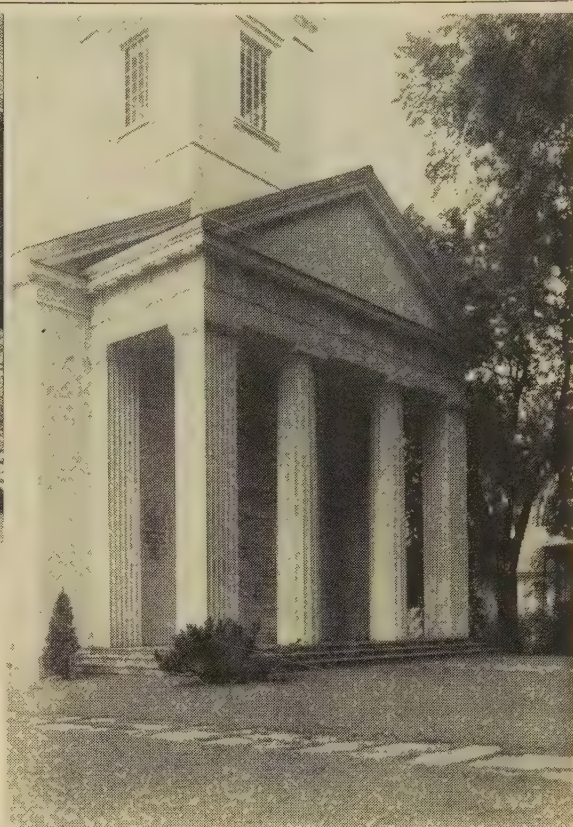
On one count, this observer feels that the pew is in advance of the pulpit, and that is in advocacy of effective church union within the foreseeable future. Laymen may not always have the right

(Turn to page 14)



ABOVE: Light green doors with shining brass knobs, white frame against a background of dark redwood. Note cross filling the green gable. Light colored handrails. At Paso Gables, California.

AT RIGHT: The wide portico and low steps of this Hanover, New Hampshire, church say, "Come in."



Church Doors Invite or Repel

By John R. Scotford*

MORE than a "Welcome" sign is needed to get people into church. The saints will surmount many obstacles to find their way into the House of God, but sinners will clutch at any trifle with which to discourage their reluctant feet. If you were a stranger newly come to town, and not overly addicted to religion, would it be an easy matter for you to drift into your church? An honest answer to this question may produce interesting results.

Many factors can deter the weak in faith from entering a church.

The business of a walk is to lead people in the right path. Most church walks are discouraging. Often they are too long. A church set far back from the street has the appearance of an institution intended for the few rather than the many, and religion is one area where most people do not want to be exclusive. Church walks may be too straight. Curves are more enticing than rigid lines. People need to be beguiled into church. Church walks often look lonely. The way the grass gets

into the cracks and the weeds crowd in, not to mention the presence of dirt, all suggest that few people travel this way. Nobody wants to go to church all by himself. Before we venture in we want evidence that others have been there before us. And the less walk, the better! From the point of view of reaching the unreached, the shorter the distance from the sidewalk to the church door, the easier it is to enter a church. The outsider does not like to be seen going in! Churches which seek to win the multitude should have their toes on the sidewalk.

Steps are even more discouraging than walks. Nobody likes to climb, and the proportion of the population which can't manage it is on the increase. Stores know this, and get along without steps. Theaters get your ticket in the box before they ask you to ascend upward. Church steps were an invention of the evil one—and a rather successful device of his.

All church steps are bad, but some are worse. The more of them the eye can see, the worse the anticipations of our legs. If there must be many steps, put some of them on the inside—or

around a bend. Don't let the would-be worshipper see them all at once. Landings and handrails help, particularly in icy weather, but why should the latter always be black? Why not gay and cheerful rails that invite the hand?

The churches might take a lesson from Baltimore. There most of the people climb up three or four rail-less steps to get into their homes, but these are either of marble or painted to look as if they were. The women take pride in keeping them so white that you can see them in the dark. If churches must have steps, let them be painted and scrubbed until they look like a path leading upward to heaven.

Doors serve two purposes: to keep out and to let in. Church doors major on the first function, store doors on the second. Most church doors are obstacles in the path of Christian progress. They have an emphatic message, which can be expressed in just two words, "Stay out!" And we suspect that many church boards are more concerned over excluding imaginary intruders than they are over enticing in souls in need of the gospel.

Here color is important. Most church doors are either a dismal black, or have been covered with a much abused coat of brown varnish. This is no place for varnish but for frequent coats of good paint—the brighter the better. If a church is dark, the doors should be light—white, blue, green, red. If the church is white, the doors may be a

*Church building consultant, Mount Vernon, New York.



LADIES' PARLOR, CHANCEL AND CHAPEL, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO. H. C. RICE, MINISTER

richer blue, green or red. The forbidding colors are black, brown and yellow.

Takes Courage to Open a Door

It takes courage to pull open the door of a strange church. The battle is half won if you can see what is on the other side before you make the venture. The more glass in a church door, the better. We know of four churches where the doors are almost wholly glass, and actually lure the people in. But for less courageous congregations, we would suggest that there be at least a glorified peep hole.

The business of a church door is to open. It should respond to the touch of the aged and the push of small youngsters. Nobody should find themselves stymied at the portal of the House of God. But on a Catholic church in Boston we once found this neatly typed notice, "This church is open. Press down hard and pull," and we have suspected that many Protestant churches could use the same card. Part of the trouble is that most church doors are too large and too heavy. They need to be reduced in size and multiplied in number. A chisel and a plane could do wonders, not to mention a little grease at the right spots.

So far our approach has been largely negative, with most of our suggestions on the remedial side. Now let us face the positive question as to how churches may actively attract people within their walls.

Here we come to a principle well known to everybody in the amusement business. Light attracts people almost as effectively as it does bugs. Color is an attribute of light. By the use of light and color people can be led almost anywhere—even into church. How can we most effectively use this psychological principle?

Recent years have seen the remodeling of thousands of churches in the effort to make them better places for worship. We anticipate that the next step will be to do over our exteriors

in such a way that the multitude will want to come in. One reason why our church interiors have had much attention and our exteriors little is that it has seemed impossible to do much with the latter. But this is not so.

The important feature of the exterior of a church is how you get into it. Here is where thought and money may best be invested. Less really needs to be done than has commonly been assumed. Not one person in 10,000 of those who pass the Empire State Building ever looks up. What they see is not its great bulk but the store window at eye level. This principle holds of most city churches. The passerby hardly notices the steeple and pays little attention to the architectural style. What catches his eye is the door, and its immediate setting. More can be done at this point than most people realize—and without tremendous expense. We have three related suggestions to offer.

Street Level Entrance

If at all possible, a street level entrance should be provided. This may mean building on to the front of the church. If space does not permit of this, often the stairs can be rearranged so that a door at street level lets people into the building. Climbing on the inside is safer, easier, and less discouraging than climbing on the outside. A good architect can usually manage to make these changes without detracting from the outside of the building. At this point we would venture the remark that it is almost impossible to ruin many of our old churches so far as their external appearance is concerned. Instead of preserving their architecture, we need to introduce something new and fresh which will suggest that there is life about the place.

Whether a new entrance is built or the old one retained, it should be given a setting. This is largely a matter of color. We have already discussed doors and handrails. These can be enhanced

by the treatment of the area above and around the doors. New England doorways are famous for their beauty. They say "Come in" most graciously—and these results are achieved with a little woodwork and some white paint. Churches can do as well, if they will put their minds to it.

The third element in an attractive entrance is light. On a recent Sunday we attended one of the nation's wealthiest churches. The sun was shining and the leaves breaking forth with new life. Against this background we plunged into a dark entryway that suggested a tunnel. The instinct of a healthy person would be to turn and go the other way. The door to a church should always be bathed in light, both inside and out. Yet in how many churches have we taken it upon ourselves to turn on the lights! Why do we ask people to stumble into God's House? Electric current is cheap. A movie house lights up the whole street in the attempt to get some customers. The least a church can do is to make bright the pathway of those who seek eternal life.

As a good necktie can redeem a poor suit of clothes, so a good doorway can "make" a church. We are convinced that many a commonplace, unattractive place of worship can be transformed by the addition of a good entrance. If need be, we should take lessons at this point from the children of darkness. A church should be as easy to get into as a tavern—or an undertaking establishment. What is needed is interest, intelligence, ingenuity. The field is relatively new. Copying won't help much. We must plunge down new pathways. But let us hope that the time is coming when ministers will boast, "I have the easiest church in town to get into," or when they will put on their stationery, not a spire, but a lighted doorway. Unless people come through our doors we can't do much for them. Intelligent evangelism begins at the entrance to a church.

SCOTLAND'S OLDEST AND SMALLEST UNIVERSITY

Some British Universities of Today—II

by Frank H. Ballard*

IT MAY seem a far cry from Cambridge, England (which was the subject of the first article in this series) to St. Andrews, the smallest of Scottish universities. But there are reasons for the transition, some of which will appear as we proceed.

But before coming to the subject itself it may be wise, though daring, to attempt some notes on English and Scottish education generally. It is almost universally known that in this respect, though not here alone, Scotland has a proud record. For a country so small, and often so poor, it may well be that for learning and leadership it has a pre-eminence that cannot be beaten. Jews and Greeks will put in a claim that must not be ignored, and it would be more than rash for anyone like myself to presume so far as to give a verdict or award the palm. What we all know, or ought to know, is that from this little northern kingdom, and especially from its remote villages, there has gone into the world a steady succession of thinkers as well as great men of action. They have appeared in every realm of scholarship, in science no less than in divinity, in poetry no less than in philosophy. Famous names rise in my mind as I set down these words, and many more will occur to those who read. And again and again they are the names of men who started with the fewest opportunities and the most modest of ambitions.

There are, of course, English names that also suggest themselves, and it would be foolish to belittle the contribution of English minds to the intellectual and spiritual wealth of mankind. But there is, or there seems to me to be, this difference, that the northern lights have shone forth from more homely settings. English learning was for a long time largely aristocratic. The torch was kept burning by a privileged, if often heroic, class, and too little attempt was made to shed its luster upon the surrounding ignorance and superstition.

Indeed some of the most famous homes of culture were closely beset by darkness and indifference. At the very entrance to colleges where scholars

toiled with patience and humility, there were families where reading and writing were unknown and old and young were content to live and die untaught. No doubt the same was also true in Scotland. But the general impression is that learning was more accessible than in England, that poverty was less of a hindrance, that there was more incitement to seek truth and to find out the secret of things, and less inclination to assume that such studies were the exclusive privilege of an intellectual elite.

To give all the reasons for this contrast would be difficult. I believe it would involve an examination of the religious systems and traditions of the two countries. I am sure it would demand an appreciation of the labors of the old-time Scottish dominie. Villages and hamlets might be far from cities and colleges, but many of them had schoolmasters who were more concerned to quicken the curiosity of bright lads than they were to receive a minimum wage. It was their ambition, not to fill their rooms with comforts, but to send out young people well drilled in fundamentals and with a passion for greater knowledge. There was therefore a steady stream of robust youngsters into commerce and into halls of learning. There were academies where men were prepared for the Christian ministry and other vocations. And there were universities where renowned professors lectured and students from many parts played and argued, burned the midnight oil and went for long walks discussing the books they read. Such activities are not limited to any country or period, but they seem to have been pre-eminent in old Scotland.

Whether this is true of Scotland today may be open to doubt. A new spirit has captured the cities and crept out to the isles, the moors and the mountains. The religious inspiration is not dead but is heavily overlaid, and a secular mentality has created different demands. The old-time schoolmaster has made way for the modern teacher who may in many ways be better equipped but who has a diminished influence. Curious lads turn to mechanical inventions more naturally than to philosophical problems. Applied

science makes a wider appeal than either classics or Biblical subjects. Young men can't spend their time on books about predestination and free-will when they can be learning to fly or to control the might of vast machines. And lacking the old incentives there is a danger that Scotland may fall to the level of other nations intellectually. There is even a danger that it may fall lower than some others. There is at least one educational authority who maintains that the English is now better than the Scottish system because it is more personal. This is most noticeable in higher education. Scotland still pins its faith to the lecturer who can fill large classrooms. England, led by Oxford and Cambridge, still pins its faith to individual tutoring. In Cambridge particularly the bright undergraduate may go to few lectures; he goes regularly and diligently to tutor and supervisor. Only time can demonstrate which is right.

II

With these notes as a general introduction, let us pay a visit to Scotland's oldest and smallest university and try to see it at work. Now the best way to inspect any such place is to have as a guide, one who has lived and studied there and knows it personally. And in this respect we are fortunate, for there stands one who is willing and anxious to describe the place as it was when he was young. There fell into my hands recently the second volume of Dr. Norman Maclean's autobiography and it will admirably serve our purpose. Dr. Maclean has had a long and a distinguished life in the service of the Church of Scotland. He has worked in remote parts and in city parishes, has served as moderator and been conspicuous in many important movements. He writes interestingly, and sometimes provocatively, about these things. We must be content for our present purpose with the four years spent at St. Andrews from 1885 to 1889.

He was still in his seventeenth year when he put on the red gown of an undergraduate, and his schooling had not been distinguished. He went on the first Sabbath to the ancient Chapel where he saw the tomb of Bishop Kennedy, who founded the university in

*Former moderator of the Free Church Council of Britain.

1411. He visited the Tower of St. Regulus, began to read about the Cathedral, founded in 1159 in the presence of King Malcolm IV and consecrated in the presence of King Robert the Bruce in 1318. He learned that while it took 160 years to build, the Cathedral was reduced to a ruin in 1559 in a few hours, apparently as the result of a sermon by John Knox. He passed to the ruins of the castle nearby and meditated on the character of Knox who was imprisoned there and who also suffered through two winters and one summer chained in a galley. Maclean had no doubt about the courage and ability of Knox; he was convinced that more than anyone else he was the maker of modern Scotland; he was not so sure of his Christianity.

There were great teachers in St. Andrews in those days. John Tullock was both vice-chancellor and principal of St. Mary's College. Pringle-Pattison was expounding Wordsworth's poetry and venturing into new realms of thought. A.K.H. Boyd at the Town Church "overshadowed every professor and minister in the city." Maclean drank it all in, but when he wrote in old age, he felt that he owed more to the atmosphere of the place than to the lectures. It is obvious that he owed much to contacts with other students with whom he discussed not only current topics but the perpetual problems of faith and order. Altogether he judged those four years to be the most fruitful period of his life.

St. Andrews has developed much since then. It has added large and handsome buildings. It has multiplied the number of its students six times. It has sent out men and women who have become distinguished in many walks of life. The present vice-chancellor, Sir James Irvine, is a genial personality, an able administrator and a well-known scientist. There have been, and still are, theologians and Church historians whose books have been a source of light and leading to multitudes.

For personal reasons I will mention one among the Biblical scholars of the recent past. Allan Menzies is remembered with gratitude as a gracious personality as well as a sound and courageous Biblical scholar. His commentary on Mark entitled *The Earliest Gospel* may be considered "advanced" if not radical, but it can still be consulted with profit. I have also found interesting his *Study of Calvin* with the memoir of her father written in 1918 by Miss Lucy Menzies (who has also written extensively on mysticism).

Menzies was succeeded in the Chair

of Biblical Criticism by Dr. George S. Duncan, the present principal of St. Mary's and a recent moderator of the Church of Scotland. Before settling to academic work, Dr. Duncan was chaplain to Field Marshall Haig in France and amongst his valued possessions are personal letters from the commander-in-chief. Since then he has given us several books that demand serious attention including *St. Paul's Ephesian Ministry* and *Galatians* in the Moffatt commentaries. The former is based on a suggestion made in private conversation by Professor Deismann that the Imprisonment Epistles were written not from Rome but from Ephesus. Dr. Duncan pursued the theory, became convinced of its truth, gathered together the evidence and at last wrote this challenging book which if it becomes widely accepted will give a new turn to Pauline studies.

Amongst Dr. Duncan's colleagues are scholars who ably maintain the best traditions of St. Mary's College and of Scottish divinity. Space will permit only a bare reference but mention must be made of Dr. W. Forrester who is responsible for Pastoral Theology, Dr. E. P. Dickie who has the oldest Chair in Theology in the university, Dr. J. H. Baxter, the Church Historian, and Mr. R. Dobbie, lecturer in Biblical languages. Last but certainly not least is Professor D. M. Baillie, the brother of Dr. John Baillie, whose recent book on Christology has been so deservedly praised by specialists and so gratefully received by Christian ministers in America as well as Britain. These together form the Senatus of St. Mary's College, the Divinity Hall of St. Andrews, itself founded in 1537 by Archbishop Beaton. It was at first a general seminary with power to grant degrees. At the time of the Reformation it became specifically theological in character. It is today efficiently playing its part in the life of the Church of Scotland, preparing men for the home ministry and the foreign field. Students come to it from many other lands, not least from U.S.A. and find not only instruction and intellectual stimulus but Christian devotion and good comradeship. Non-theological students come also from far and near and are welcomed by the professors and their families and guided in the Student Christian Movement and in the work of other societies. It is my privilege, as the father of one such student, to pay a tribute to the influence and the friendship of St. Andrews, and more especially to those who are now responsible for the high traditions of St. Mary's College.

Impressions of Our Protestant Churches

(From page 10)

reasons for wanting to do the right thing, and this may be true of certain lay advocates of church union. Yet many laymen cannot understand our subtly constructed reasons for proceeding cautiously to overcome at least part of the shameful disunity of Christ's Church. Nor may we excuse our halfhearted efforts by indicting the denominational "top brass" for impeding the progress of the movement. We who have had experience both of Christ's unifying power and of the tragedy of competitive religious groups, can do much more than we are doing, "without tarrying for any." By study, overtures to higher church courts, and practical demonstrations on the parish level, we can catch up with our progressive lay colleagues and get the "old ark a-moverin'" toward the haven where the spirit of Christ would bring her.

Ezekiel arraigned Jerusalem's churchmen because they attempted to conceal the defects of the community fabric (see Ezekiel 13:10-16; 22:28, *An American Translation*). Professor Alex R. Gordon recovered the scorching nature of the indictment in his rendering of verse twenty-eight of chapter twenty-two: "Her prophets also daub their walls with whitewash, showing them empty visions, and giving them lying divinations, saying, 'Thus says the Lord God.'" By and large, the Protestant parsons and their lay colleagues in American churches have not joined the whitewash brigade. Nor is it daubing the crumbling walls of Zion with any camouflage of vapid compliments to assert that the Church of Christ in these far from benighted States is alive to the mind of her Lord, alert to manifold needs and opportunities, and aware of the perils and potential greatness of this hour. After captains and kings, even five-starred generals depart, and grandiose schemes for planetary salvation prove illusory, the Church, evangelical, reformed, catholic, seems likely to remain and thrive. Her Lord is in the midst of her and his servants follow him not far off.

Bound Volume No. 27 CHURCH MANAGEMENT

Contains all of the issues, October, 1950, through September, 1951. Bound in heavy, black, waterproof cloth.

\$5.00 Per Volume

(Postpaid if remittance accompanies order)
Earlier Volumes at the Same Price

CHURCH MANAGEMENT, INC.
1900 Euclid Avenue Cleveland 15, Ohio

A SERVICE FOR THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION

From Darkness to Light

*A Candlelighting Service by C. Wesley Cope**

ON the communion table are placed the following candles: one smaller candle that is lit prior to the service, one larger candle in the center to represent Christ, and twelve candles, slightly smaller than the Christ candle located on each side of the Christ candle. Candelabra are located on each side of the communion table and over the choir to provide light for the musicians. These latter candelabra are lit for the whole service and until after the organ prelude provide the only light in the church. The entire opening of the service should aim at creating a sense of gloom and foreboding. There is no joy in evidence. No carols or hymns are sung.

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Puer Nobis Nascitur"—Healey Willan.

(Following the prelude the organ continues in the background contributing further to the sense of the mysterious and darkness. Choir and minister enter and take their places, the minister standing behind the table.)

MINISTER: Darkness was upon the face of the earth. (Pause.) They grope in dark without light. And, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon them. They sought God and light! Day unto day they uttered their cry, "Oh that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his seat! Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him: on the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold him: he hideth himself on the right hand that I cannot see him."—(Job 23:3, 8, 9). So we hear the age-old cry,

*Minister, Saint Paul's United Church, Paris, Ontario, Canada. A sermon of the same title which was originally preached in connection with this service will be found on other pages of this issue.

O somewhere, somewhere, God unknown,
Exist and be!
I am dying; I am all alone;
I must have Thee!
God! God! my sense, my soul, my all,
Dies in the cry.

—Frederick W. H. Myers

But a light was shed abroad in the earth. "They heard the voice of God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and the Lord God called . . . and said . . . Where art thou?" The voice of God was heard. Abraham heard it, (light candle on table) as did Moses (light candle 2), and the prophets (light candles 3, 4). They bore witness to a God who had revealed himself to them. So the people that walked in darkness saw a light but they understood it not. They turned their backs on the prophets. Some they stoned: some they killed. Yet not all dwelt in darkness. There were those who looked forward, who were on the outlook "for the consolation of Israel." Upon their lips, surging from their hearts was a new cry, "When the Messiah has come . . . !" So they had their hope, and believed the day would come when the people who walked in darkness would see a great light (light candle 5).

CHOIR: Anthem, "Break Forth"—Simper.

MINISTER: Not the least among these were Elisabeth and Zacharias, "both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless," who, when their child was born, the John who was to be the forerunner of the Messiah, gave voice to their joy, as Zacharias prophesied saying (light candle 6):

CHOIR: "Benedictus."†

Blessed be the Lord of Israel,
He hath visited His flock.
He has wrought a great redemption,
He salvation has raised up.
Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed,
Blessed be the Lord of all.

He has promised by His prophets,
Which have spoken as of old,
From the hand of all that hate us.
All our foes to save us from—
Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed,
Blessed be the Lord of all.

Blessed be the Lord of Israel,
Who has made a holy vow;
He has promised to remember,
As He sware to Abraham.
So in holiness we worship,
In His presence humbly bow.

Blessed be the Lord of Israel,
Great is God's love to all men,
He will cause the Dawn to visit,
Shining in the darkness bright.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
praise Him,
Ways of peace are known to Him.

MINISTER: At this time there lived in a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. To her came the angel Gabriel and said, "Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. . . . Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." And Mary said (light candle 7):

CHOIR: Magnificat.‡

My soul doth magnify the Lord of hosts;
My spirit joys in God my Saviour;
For He hath looked upon His hand-maiden,
All men henceforth shall call me blessed.

†This alternative to the usual arrangement was provided for a choir which was not accustomed to chanting. Set to the tune "Praise my soul" by John Goss, the metrical arrangement of the "Benedictus" is by the author of the service.

‡Metrical arrangement of the "Magnificat" by Rev. C. Wesley Cope. Tune—"Consolation," Mendelssohn.



Gedge Harmon

He who is Mighty hath magnified me,
His mercy shows, and holy is his Name:
His mercy is on all that fear Him,
Great deeds of love are done to me this day.

My soul doth magnify the Lord of
hosts;
With his strong arm a deed of might
is done.
From their thrones are cast the proud
and mighty,
Exalted are the humble and the meek.

Remembering His mercy and His love,
As he hath promised our forefathers,
To be their God and Father everlasting;
He hath given help unto his chosen folk.

MINISTER: "Part not the curtains
of the night, friend of my soul. They
are the wings of mystery brooding
over the hidden things of life. They
are the reserve of the Eternal.

"Within that darkness are the
sharpest pains and the deepest joys that
mortal flesh can feel—interwoven grief
and gladness of spirit that words can
never tell—fears and hopes so sacred
that they should be kept secret save
from God, who knoweth all . . .

"How a life leaves this world we
know not, except that the heart of flesh
left behind ceases to beat. How a life
enters this world we know not, except
that the heart nourished by the
mother's heart begins its own beating."

"Let the curtains fall . . . It is Holy
Night."—Henry Van Dyke, "Even
Unto Bethlehem."

SOLO: "O Holy Night"—Adams.

MINISTER: So it was that, while
they were in Bethlehem, the days were
accomplished that Mary should be de-
livered. And she brought forth her
first-born son, and wrapped him in
swaddling clothes and laid him in a
manger (light the Christ candle).

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: "Si-
lent Night! Holy Night!"

THE OFFERING (without announce-
ment).

ORGAN OFFERTORY: "In Dulci
Jubilo"—Bach.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

We open here our treasures and our
gifts;
And some of it is gold,
And some is frankincense,
And some is myrrh;
For some has come from plenty,
Some from joy,
And some from deepest sorrow of the
soul.
But Thou, O God, dost know the gift is
love,
Our pledge of peace, our promise of
good-will.
Accept the gift and all the life we
bring.

Herbert H. Hines

SERMON: "From Darkness to
Light."§

§For the sermon see other pages of this issue.

The Adoration of Jesus

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: "O
come, all ye faithful."

MINISTER: And there were in the
same country shepherds.

SOLO: "And lo the angel of the Lord"
—Handel.

(Light candles 8, 9)

CHOIR: "Cherubim Song"—Bortni-
ansky.

MINISTER: Now when Jesus was
born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days
of Herod the King, behold, there came
wise men from the east to Jerusalem,
saying, where is he that is born King
of the Jews? For we have seen his star
in the east, and are come to worship
him. The star, which they saw in the
east, went before them, till it came and
stood over where the young child was.
And when they were come into the
house, they saw the young child with
Mary his mother, and fell down, and
worshipped him; and when they had
opened their treasures, they presented
unto him gifts; gold and frankincense,
and myrrh. (Light candles 10, 11, 12.)

CHOIR AND MALE TRIO: "We
Three Kings."

MINISTER:

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ,
Thou art the everlasting Son of the
Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to de-
liver man; thou didst not abhor the
Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharp-
ness of death, thou didst open the
kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God,
in the glory of the Father.

O all ye Works of the Lord, bless ye
the Lord;

O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the
Lord;

O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord,
Praise Him, and magnify Him forever.
Let all the children praise Him.

JUNIOR CHOIR: "Christmas Carol"
—Folk Song.

(At conclusion Junior Choir remains
standing. As they are singing candles
in candelabra are lit.)

MINISTER: Let all the youth sing
praises unto Christ the King.

"Christmas Song"—Folk Song.

(At conclusion Intermediate Choir re-
mains standing. As they are singing
more candles in candelabra are lit.)

MINISTER:

O let all men bless and praise Thee
for Thy wondrous gifts
Now from all men be outpoured Halle-
lujahs to the Lord,

And women join in praise of Him who
came as heaven's new-born King.

CHOIR: "Jesu Bambino"—Pietro
Yon.

(At conclusion Choir remains stand-
ing. As they are singing more candles
in candelabra are lit.)

MINISTER: Blessed be the Lord
God of Israel from everlasting to ever-
lasting: and let all the people say,
Amen. Praise ye the Lord.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL:

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing."

(Remaining candles are lit.)

(Congregation and choirs remain
standing.)

CHOIR: "Gloria in Excelsis"—Mo-
zart.

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL
AMEN.

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Fanfare"—
Drummond Wolff.

Extending the Use of Church Flowers

By James A. Dillon

Have you ever wondered what to say
when you delivered Sunday's pulpit
flowers to some sick or aged person?
Or have you thought of making this
common habit something really special
instead of just an easy way to get rid
of flowers that are no longer of use?
Then try this idea which I first observed
while serving as an interim pastor at
Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, and
which I have now used for over a year
in my present pastorate with amazing
results in interest and new apprecia-
tion of the pulpit flowers. We attach
little printed cards which read:

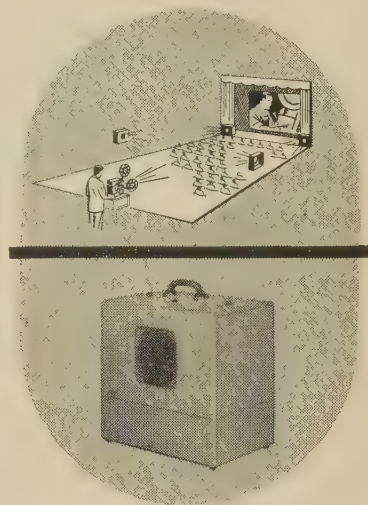
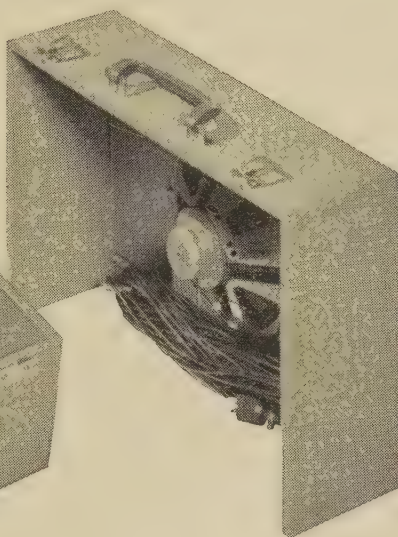
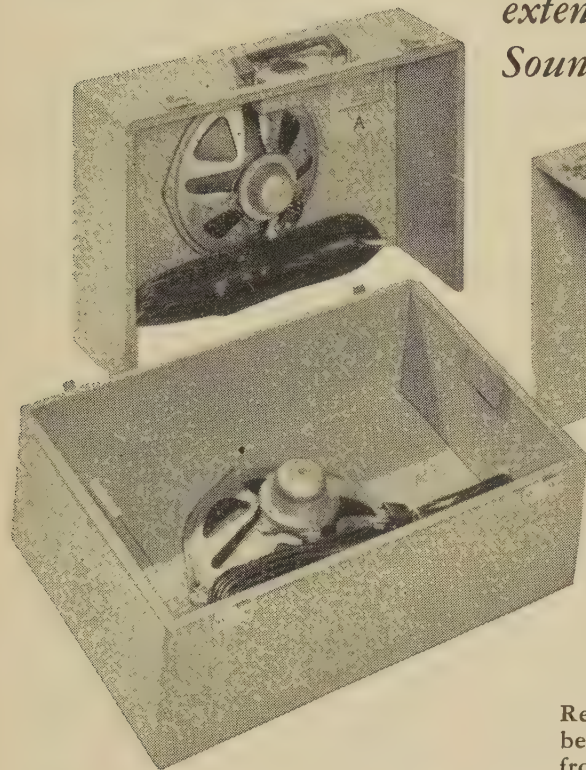
These flowers have been on the
pulpit of the Fairview Commu-
nity Baptist Church. They have
heard the hymns that have been
sung, the prayers that have been
offered, and the sermon that has
been preached. Now with their
silent message they come to you
with our love and good wishes.

OPPOSE PUBLIC GRANTS TO CHURCH HOSPITALS

Washington, D. C.—A resolution op-
posing public grants to church hospitals
and medical colleges was adopted by
the national committee of Protestants
and Other Americans United for Sepa-
ration of Church and State at its semi-
annual meeting here.

Sponsored by Dr. Charles Clayton
Morrison, former editor of the *Chris-
tian Century*, the resolution declared
that "church hospitals are agents of
the churches which establish and oper-
ate them, and inevitably and intention-
ally promote the faith of said church-
es."

"Government grants of tax funds to
church institutions," it added, "involves
an interlocking of government and
churches in a manner which the U. S.
Supreme Court has condemned in the
McCullum decision."—R.N.S.

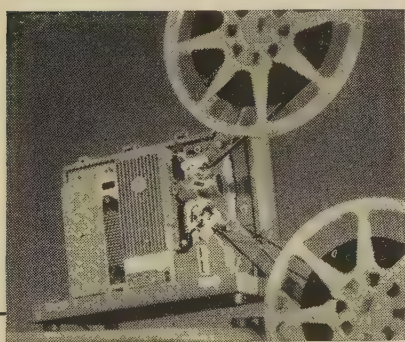
NOW**top-quality sound distribution****Kodak**
TRADE-MARK**NEW KODAK MULTI-SPEAKER UNIT***extends flexibility of Kodascope Pageant Sound Projector; provides 3 extra speakers*

Regardless of where you show your 16mm. sound movies, you want to be sure that your audience gets the message. Sound distortion, resulting from too much amplification or poor acoustics, annoys listeners, hence often destroys the effectiveness of the presentation.

To help you eliminate these difficulties, Kodak now offers a new Multi-Speaker Unit which combines three speakers in one case. With your Kodascope Pageant Sound Projector, this gives you a versatile, four-speaker setup. Placed at selected locations around a room or hall, they produce effective sound distribution even under adverse acoustical conditions.

Each of the three 8" speakers is mounted on an individual baffle. One speaker carries a 35-ft. cord, the other two, 45-ft. cords, complete with connectors. When assembled, the 3 speakers make up into a compact carrying case weighing only 17 pounds. The complete unit matches the Pageant exactly in appearance and contains space for a 2000-ft. film reel. Price, \$92.50.

Prices are subject to change without notice and include Federal Tax applicable when this advertisement was released for publication.



for outstanding performance . . .
the KODASCOPE PAGEANT SOUND PROJECTOR puts your 16mm. movies on the screen with sparkling brilliance—affords high-fidelity sound reproduction. Simple guided threading assures easy operation. Lubricated for life, ruggedly built, yet light and compact, the entire unit goes into one handsome case weighing only 33 pounds. Price, \$400.

PHOTOGRAPHY . . . teaches, trains, entertains**EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY, Rochester 4, N. Y.**

114

Please send me: ☐ complete information on the new Kodak Multi-Speaker Unit; ☐ your folder, "The Kodascope Pageant Sound Projector."

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ ZONE _____

STATE _____



That's why I depend on
**HILLYARD
MAINTAINEER
SERVICE**

Why "buck" the problem when you can relax with easy-going Hillyard Floor Care. Simplified Hillyard Care substitutes "know-how" for brawn . . . easier methods save man hours of work . . . specialized *chemical* products perform with "behind-the-ears" thoroughness . . . when I need help—Hillyard sends along a trained floor expert to lend a hand on the job . . . his straight-from-the-shoulder advice doesn't cost me a cent.

YOU CAN'T BEAT SERVICE LIKE THAT any day in the week—particularly NOW when good maintenance men are so hard to find.

★ Talk over your maintenance program with a Hillyard Maintaineer today. Get the benefit of his years of specialized experience. Learn the Hillyard way to maximum maintenance with a minimum crew . . . and reduce those costs as much as 50%. Write for Free Hillyard Help.

"on your staff
not your payroll"



Dept. G1-11

St. Joseph,
Missouri

Branches in
Principal Cities

HANDLE WITH
HILLYARD
CARE!

WHAT MAKES CHRISTMAS TICK

Christmas Is a Family Affair

by Lillian Doyle Sitler*

CAST: Mother; Sue, a girl of fifteen; Dick, a boy of eleven; Sally, a girl of six.

Scene I

The evening before Christmas. The richly furnished home of the Wilson family. A huge Christmas tree dominates the stage, gifts piled high beneath it. As the curtain rises Dick and Sally are seated at a small table wrapping gifts in bright ribbons and paper.

SALLY: What's in that package, Dick?

DICK: Oh, run along and chin yourself, will ya, you drive me crazy with your questions.

SALLY: Well, what's in the package?

DICK: Oh it's those cuff links that Mother says I have to give to Dad. Now get out of here and leave me alone. I have about ten more of these junky things to wrap up and then I can go over to Bill's house. Christmas is more bother—and who cares about the old presents anyway.

SALLY: Oh I like presents—I hope I get a bicycle, and a new doll house and skates, and about two dozen dolls and a stove and refrigerator and—

DICK: Yeah, and all the other stuff you ever saw—well if I don't get those new skis that I have been hollering for there is going to be trouble. (After a pause.)

SALLY: I wish somebody would read me a story.

DICK: Stories!—at Christmas?—Huh, nobody in this family has had time to read to anybody for the last three years since Dad bought that new factory, and at Christmas time with the folks away at parties, and out all the time they don't have time for anything. Then everybody has to have presents—so we break our necks running out to buy them things they don't need, and they don't want anyway.

SALLY: This new story book looks like it would be fun, but I can't read the words (wistfully) I wish I knew what it says. Look, Dick, what does that say under that picture?

DICK: It says "Long ago in the little town of Bethlehem—" Say get out

of here, I told you, I gotta wrap these old packages.

SALLY: I wish I could hear that story. (She goes over and picks up a doll and sits on the floor near the big Christmas tree.) Nobody has time for us, Lindy Lou. You see it's Christmas and everybody is too busy to bother with us. Tomorrow we can open all these big boxes under the tree, and I hope if there are story books somebody will read them to me. I don't like Christmas if everybody is too busy to play with me.

(Enter Sue dressed to go out. She goes to door at other side of the stage and calls to the maid.)

SUE: Nora, I am leaving now.

SALLY: Where are you going, Sue?

SUE: Oh, I have to dash downtown and see if I can find some place open to buy something for that horrid Evelyn Pratt. She sent me a scarf today and now I have to buy her something. I can't stand her and I'll never wear the old scarf, but Christmas is Christmas so I'll have to get her something.

SALLY: I wish you could read me this story.

SUE: Story!—Don't be ridiculous! Nobody has time for stories tonight. You'd better go to bed. And throw away that horrid old doll—you'll probably get five or six new ones tomorrow. (Calls off stage again.) Nora, wrap up those things that I left on my dresser, will you?

(Sue goes out. Right.)

SALLY (to her doll): I will not throw you out, Lindy Lou—I don't care if I do get a dozen new dolls tomorrow, I like you best. Who cares about Christmas anyway? (She kicks at a big box nearest her.)

(Enter Mother dressed in formal party clothes.)

MOTHER: Sally Wilson, what are you doing? There may be something breakable in that box.

SALLY: Oh are you going away too?

MOTHER: Of course I'm going away. This is the night of the Lockerbie's party. I am so put out with your father for going back to that factory tonight. There was no need for him to go.

(Sue runs back in to pick up the

*Mrs. Clarence E. Sitler, whose husband is the minister of Faith Evangelical and Reformed Church, Cincinnati 30, Ohio.

gloves she has left on the table.)

SUE: Oh, Mother, that new dress looks keen. Where's Dad?

MOTHER: I was just saying, he went back to that ugly old factory of his and he may not show up at the Lockerbies at all.

SUE: Well, you shouldn't be surprised about that, he has spent nearly every night at the factory since he bought it. You ought to be used to going out alone by now. He can't make enough money to support this family unless he works nights too.

DICK: Yeah, he hasn't been home on a Christmas eve for the last three years. I wish we could have a Christmas like we used to have before he started making so much money.

SALLY: What kind of Christmas was that, Dick?

DICK: Oh, then everybody was home together and we popped corn and sang songs and—

SALLY: And read stories maybe?

SUE: Don't be silly, Dick, who wants to go back to the days when we lived on Sycamore Street in that six-room house, and I was lucky if I got six presents any Christmas.

DICK: Well, you didn't have to dash out then and buy something for Evelyn Pratt even if you don't like her.

SUE: Oh be quiet—and I've got to run or nothing will be open. Mother, can I ask Larry to come for dinner tomorrow?

MOTHER: Dinner tomorrow, I should say not. We are not having dinner here. Your father made a great to do because he wanted to ask Mr. and Mrs. Sampson over, but you know Nora has to go to visit her relatives, and I can't be bothered with a holiday dinner. I have made our reservations at the hotel.

DICK: We used to have turkey and cranberry sauce at home and have a lot of company, and a real Christmas dinner, with popcorn and nuts afterwards.

SUE: And a mess of dishes to wash afterwards, you mean. No, thanks.

MOTHER (calling off stage): Nora, call a cab for me right away. And it is time to put Sally to bed, and then bring down the rest of those packages out of the front hall closet.

SALLY: Mother, could you read me this story before I go to bed?

MOTHER: Story! For goodness sake, Sally, there is no time tonight for stories. You go get to sleep before Santa Claus comes.

SALLY: But this book has the nicest pictures and it is a story about a baby that is out in a barn with the cows. See here's the picture.

MOTHER: Yes, dear, now run along and don't bother me, I haven't time to-

night. Run to bed and dream about what is in all those big boxes. You will get a pretty doll, so you can throw that old one away.

(Sally grabs Lindy Lou and hugs her as she starts to cry.)

SALLY: O I hate Christmas. Everybody wants me to throw Lindy away so I can have a new doll and nobody has time to read, and what good are picture books if you can't tell what they say, and tomorrow won't be any more fun because I suppose everybody will have to go away again.

MOTHER: That is enough, Sally. Goodnight, and remember you'd better be good or Santa Claus will hear you.

(Sally goes out toward Nora, with Lindy in her arms. Mother goes out other door. Dick is left alone wrapping packages as the curtain is pulled.)

WHAT CHRISTMAS REALLY MEANS

Scene II

CAST: Mother; Father; Grandmother; Bill, a boy of fourteen; Janey, a girl of ten; Mary, a little girl of four. The evening before Christmas. The modestly furnished home of the Bennet family. A small Christmas tree in one corner. Two unlighted candles on mantle. As the curtain rises, Grandmother is seated on the stage beside the small Christmas tree, contentedly knitting a small sweater. As she hears small footsteps, she quickly hides the sweater and starts work on a scarf. Little Mary comes in with her doll.

MARY: Merry Christmas, Grandma.

GRANDMOTHER (laughingly): Merry Christmas yourself, little girl. I wonder how many times you have said that to me today.

MARY: Well, Christmas is almost here now, isn't it?

GRANDMOTHER: Yes, ma'am. Just a few more hours and rosy old St. Nick will be coming down the chimney with presents for good little children.

MARY (holding up her doll): Oh I hope he will bring Nellie a new dress, she needs one awful bad, doesn't she?

GRANDMOTHER: Yes, indeed she does, and Nellie has been a very good little girl so I think Santa will remember her.

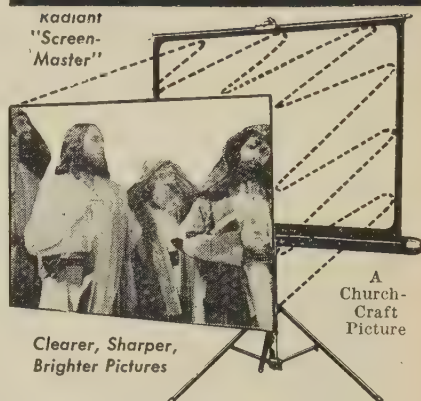
(Mother bustles in with a big basket full of parcels.)

MOTHER: Well there are the cookies all wrapped ready for us to take to all the sweet old ladies on this street. Aren't they pretty packages, Grandma? Those ginger cookies you made yesterday look so pretty in with the light ones that I made, and the children trimmed them so nicely.

MARY: Isn't Christmas fun, Mommy?

MOTHER: It certainly is, little girl.

More Brilliant Reflection



because of Radiant's
million mirror

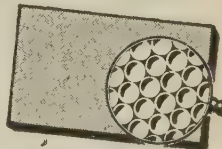
Glass-beaded
screen

Radiant's exclusive process gives you millions of efficient mirrors that reflect light *powerfully* instead of absorbing it. As a result—your pictures fairly leap from the screen with startling realism, added brilliance, new clarity and depth.

A Radiant Screen means a more effective, a more deeply impressive showing always. There's a Radiant Screen for *every* need.

Send for FREE Sample

Ask your dealer for demonstration. Send coupon for free sample of Radiant "Million Mirror" screen fabric.



RADIANT Projection Screens

Radiant Mfg. Corp., 1265 S. Talman, Chicago 8, Ill.

Send me free sample of Radiant "Million Mirror" Fabric—and brochure on Radiant line.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____

(My dealer's name is _____)

Come upstairs now and help me wrap up a few last minute packages for Santa Claus. I think Grandma has some knitting to do.

(As soon as they go out Grandma starts again on the sweater.)

(Enter Father.)

FATHER: Merry Christmas, Mother, where is all the family?

GRANDMA: Merry Christmas, son. Emily just took little Mary upstairs to get her out of sight while I finish up this sweater I am making for her. I have just a few more stitches.

(Father hangs up his wraps and sits down with the evening paper.)

(Janey enters.)

JANEY: Grandma, will you help me wrap up these pot holders I just finished for Mother? Oh, hello, Daddy—Merry Christmas.

FATHER: Merry Christmas, Janey, are all your presents ready?

JANEY: Just about. Grandma is going to help me wrap up these for Mother. Look, I made them.

FATHER: I am sure they are just what mother needs to help lift the turkey out of the oven tomorrow.

JANEY: Mommy helped me make the nicest little clothes for Mary's doll.

FATHER: You know we have a new doll for Mary too.

JANEY: Oh, I know, but now she can have a family of two children when she gets Nellie fixed up in the new clothes so she looks pretty. Do you think Bill will like that jackknife I have for him?—Mr. Porter down at the hardware said it was just the right size for a fourteen-year-old boy.

FATHER: I am sure everything will be just right. It doesn't take much to make this family happy.

GRANDMOTHER: No son, it takes a lot to make any family happy, but you and Emily know that most of all it takes love, and that's what makes everything seem right.

JANEY: I think Christmas is a wonderful time, it makes you feel so good inside, doesn't it?

BILL (who has just come in): You mean before you eat the turkey or afterwards? I remember last year I felt better before dinner.

FATHER (laughing): Hi, son. Merry Christmas, did you get the packages that I had left down at the post office for you to bring home?

BILL: Hi, Dad, yeah, I stopped on my way and brought them. I left them in the dining room. I worked an extra half hour for Mr. Smith tonight so he could leave a little earlier and get home to his family. He paid me an extra fifty cents and it was just enough to get what I wanted for Mom.

JANEY: Oh, what is it, Bill? What

did you get her?

BILL: I can't tell, you wait till morning and see, I'll bet she'll like it. Grandma, did you have time to do what I asked you to for me?

GRANDMA: You bet I did, Billy boy, you'll find it all wrapped up and waiting in our hiding place.

FATHER: The kids have kept you pretty busy, haven't they, Mother?

GRANDMA: Oh yes, but Christmas is such fun. I know all their secrets, and I am going to be sorry when tomorrow is over and they have nothing to whisper to me about until this time next year.

BILL: Christmas sure does things to folks, doesn't it? Mr. Smith gave every kid who came in today a candy cane, and he forgot to bawl anybody out for anything.

FATHER: Yes, it gets in the air and everybody seems a little kinder around Christmas time.

(Mother and Mary come in. Mother goes over and kisses Dad and Mary climbs up on his lap.)

MOTHER: Hello, John, I'm glad you got back from your errand so quickly. Janey and Mary have been wanting to start our Christmas eve festivities. Hello, Bill, did you have your supper? I was glad you called up to say you would be working late, but I worry about your missing meals.

BILL: Oh, I didn't miss supper. Mrs. Smith brought everybody a lunch—I didn't need it anyway, I had candy and stuff at the store all afternoon.

MOTHER: You had better go have a glass of milk and a sandwich now.

BILL: I will after a while, let's have Christmas eve first, so the little kids won't have to wait.

MOTHER: All right. Janey, do you want to light the candles?

(Lamps are turned out and Janey lights two candles. Mother takes the Bible to Dad, Grandmother puts away her knitting, Mother sits down and Bill and Janey sit close to her on the floor.)

MARY: Let's sing first.

MOTHER: All right, Mary, what carol do you choose?

MARY: "Away in a Manger," because that is all about the baby Jesus. (Mother starts and family all sing.)

JANEY: Now let's sing "Silent Night."

(Mother starts the song.)

MOTHER: Now, Grandmother, do you have a favorite?

GRANDMOTHER: There always seems to be magic for me in "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem."

(Family sings and then Father starts to read Luke 2. When he has finished Mary speaks.)

MARY: Oh, Christmas is the nicest time, with stories and songs.

JANEY: And candles, and ribbons, and packages.

BILL: And turkey, and candy, and everything good.

FATHER: And with family, and friends, and all the comforts of our home.

MOTHER: And with love for everybody, and gifts because of that love.

GRANDMOTHER: Christmas is a wonderful time wherever the love of Christ is known.

JANEY: Now, close your eyes everybody and Mary and I will put our presents under the tree.

(Janey and Mary go out and tiptoe back in to put packages under the tree.)

MOTHER: Oh, don't they look pretty? Bill, are your things ready to bring down?

BILL: Yeah, Grandma helped me wrap the last ones today, I'll get them.

(Bill goes out, Mother gets up and turns on the lamp as she says.)

MOTHER: Just as soon as Bill brings in his things we will have to get our coats on so we will have time to deliver our cookies before the evening service at the church.

BILL: These are my things, now, don't anybody peek till I place them.

JANEY: Oh, Bill, what's in that big box? I saw Daddy's name on it.

BILL: Come on, you see too much, you get out of here.

MOTHER: Run get your coat and mittens, Janey. I'll get my coat, John, and this basket is all ready to go.

(Father gets his wraps, Bill comes in ready to go.)

(Mary climbs up on Grandma's lap with a story book)

GRANDMOTHER: Good night, everybody. Mary and I have a story book to read and then I'll tuck her under the covers to wait for Santa Claus.

MOTHER: Good night, Mary dear. (She kisses Mary and Grandma.) Mother, there isn't a thing to do after Mary is in bed. I have the turkey all stuffed and everything else we can finish in the morning.

GRANDMOTHER: All right, Emily. I have a few more stitches to take and then I'll be all ready for Santa Claus too. I'll put my presents under the tree before I go to bed.

JANEY and BILL: Good night, Grandma and Mary.

(Father kisses Mary and says good-night to Grandma and the family goes out.)

(Curtain)



If you can qualify... why shouldn't you save

\$2 to \$7 per thousand
on your insurance
...available to full-time
religious workers

MINISTERS LIFE DOUBLE PROTECTION PLAN provides you with *twice the coverage at less than half the proportionate additional cost*. And the first year's payment is the smallest of all! For example, a 35-year-old individual is charged the low price of \$53.83 for a \$5000 policy. Each year thereafter the cost is only \$71.83—for five thousand dollars worth of protection for his family.

Ordinary life insurance as well as health and accident policies are also priced low to ministers and other professional religious workers. In fact, savings run from \$2 to \$7 per thousand depending upon your age and type of policy.

Sold Entirely by Mail

It's easy to understand what's in a Ministers Life policy. Description of what you are getting is clearly described in brief, concise leaflets. No salesmen will bother you... and the low cost of selling by mail—plus the character of our policy-holders—makes low "preferred risk" charges available to professional religious workers.

COMPARE THESE RATES

Against Other Ordinary Life Policies

AGE	ANNUAL RATE PER \$1000
25	\$15.33
30	\$18.08
35	\$21.60
40	\$26.22
45	\$32.16
50	\$39.97

MAIL COUPON FOR THE FULL STORY



MINISTERS LIFE AND CASUALTY UNION

Legal Reserve... Non-Assessable



THE MINISTERS LIFE AND CASUALTY UNION

102 West Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis 4, Minnesota

Please rush details of your ☐ Double Protection Plan ☐ Ordinary Life Policy
☐ Hospital, Health and Accident.

Name _____

Address _____

Date of Birth _____

Denomination _____

THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE OF THE CAROLS

Everybody Loves Christmas Carols

by Homer Rodeheaver

MUSIC is the universal language of the soul. It touches the whole range of human emotions. Men march into battle with the rhythm of the drums, the call of the bugle and the melody and harmony of the brass band. Mothers lull their little babies to sleep with lovely, quieting melodies.

In the great heterogeneous city of Cairo, Egypt, I had a great crowd one night in the central square. Most of them were Moslems and of course would not have listened to the presentation of the gospel message by a Protestant preacher. Nevertheless they sang there for as long as I would stay, singing heartily with me as I taught them some of the great gospel songs.

Even in this country men of all the various denominations will quarrel over dogmas and can never agree. Yet they will sit down and rejoice over a hymn which expresses precisely the same sentiments about which they have differed.

Henry Ward Beecher said, "Music cleanses the understanding, inspires it, and lifts it into a realm which it would not reach if it were left to itself."

On a missionary trip around the world some time ago in Japan, China, Korea and up through India we found a crowd would stand on the corner or come into the churches and listen to the music from my trombone. Then they would stay and sing with us some of the great gospel messages, many of whom would never come near a meeting that was announced as a religious service. Down in Africa a few years ago I found the trombone could draw together the young people, especially along with the old people, who would listen to music and then would follow us into the churches, many of them who had never been in the missionary meetings before. But through music, and gradually as they learned the message of the gospel song, many hundreds of them have become Christians.

Through the years a great controversy has arisen as to the relative value of the hymns and the gospel songs. Paul, in his letter to the Colossians, in the third chapter said, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in Psalms and in hymns and in spiritual songs, singing



with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Of course we have no difficulty in interpreting "spiritual songs" as gospel songs because that is what most of them are. The best definition as to the difference in the hymns and gospel songs was given to us by Dr. John Greenfield, a great Moravian preacher here in our summer Music Conference here at Winona Lake. He said, "The hymn is addressed to God; the gospel song is addressed to the people. The hymn is for worship, adoration, prayer and praise; the gospel song wraps up the message of the gospel with its promises, with its word of assurance and comfort, also with the warnings which God intended men to consider."

We have special songs written for special occasions, Children's Day, Mother's Day, patriotic days, Easter, and Christmas. The most universally known of all these special days' music are the Christmas carols. There is hardly a group of youngsters you could find anywhere in this country where they do not know "Silent Night," and "O, Come All Ye Faithful," and many of the other great Christmas carols. For many years I led a great Christmas carol sing in the John Wanamaker store in Philadelphia. For fifteen to twenty minutes before the opening of the store and for the same length of time at the closing of the store people gathered in there and, with the accom-

paniment of that great organ and a fine choir of the professional singers of the city, we sang nothing but Christmas carols. As many as twenty thousand people have gathered in the store at one time just to sing together the great carols. No other kind of publicity they ever tried has drawn as many people to the store.

No songs have ever told any story as completely and beautifully as the Christmas carols have told the story of the birth of our Christ. This is the only time of all history when the birth of a little baby was announced by a heavenly choir. Most of the great Easter songs have been written in anthem form for the great choirs to sing but the Christmas carols are songs of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Years ago when we wanted to go caroling we would have to gather up, probably, a half a dozen various books and carry them with us in order to have the special Christmas carols that we wanted. That is the reason that we, of the Rodeheaver Company, have gathered from the various collections practically every one of the most popular Christmas carols and put them in small, convenient form that people could easily carry even in their pockets. Another source of supply is Good-enough & Woglom Company, New York City.

One of them is called *Christmas Customs and Carols*. In addition to the songs in this particular book we have included a story of the Christmas customs of various lands; what the sleighbells, the mistletoe, the stockings, the wooden shoes mean and how and why these various customs were originated.

The other is a still smaller and less expensive book of just the most popular of all the carols. Through the convenience of these collections of carols we have been trying to encourage people to sing more Christmas carols in their homes and in the stores and shops and factories. Some of the great business organizations are giving away these very attractive little Christmas carol books as their Christmas greeting instead of calendars or pictures of various kinds. They have discovered where other greetings are soon thrown away after the Christmas season the people will not only keep these carol books but will put them up in a prominent place on their pianos and when the young people gather in their homes, even at other times than Christmas they find them singing again the great Christmas carols.

I have contended that we should not keep Christmas carols and the great Easter songs for the Christmas and Easter periods only but should sing

them even through the rest of the year.

The world and the people in it could be made happier through the right kind of music. Music unites mankind by an ideal bond.

"Hymn singing is a mighty bond of union linking people together in a symphony of one song. It is angel's work, the heavenly conversation, the spiritual sacrifice, all the spiritual wisdom of the great instructor who designed that we should at one and the same time sing and learn to our profit." James J. Davis, when he was Secretary of Labor, said, "We in America could take no single step that would advance our nation along the road to happiness further than the establishment of a national means of exercising the power of music." Maybe we could get together this Christmas and make it more than ever a singing Christmas.

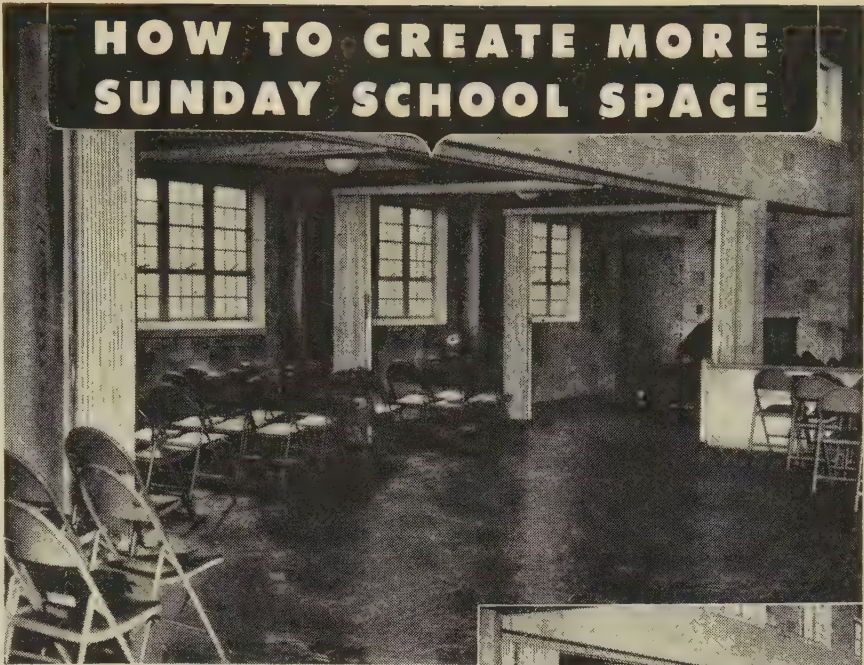
A few years ago when I was in Palestine I took quite a group of friends out into the fields of Bethlehem at the place where the natives agreed was the most likely place where the angels sang and the wise men came. We gathered our crowd and the natives of that area and sang Christmas carols. As the evening shadows came, the stars became brighter and we followed one bright, particular star through the fields of Bethlehem up the little stony path to the city on our way to the great cathedral that covers the stable where Jesus was born. On our way up the stony path we passed a home where they were having a wedding celebration. The missionary who was with us said, "Wouldn't you like to go in and play the trombone and sing for these people?"

I said, "No, I don't think they want to be bothered by any strangers at a time like this."

He said, "Wait and let me ask them."

We stood in front of the little home. The missionary came out and said, "Yes, they would like to have you come and play."

I took the trombone and went in and played some Christmas carols and sang a song or two. They seemed delighted. Just a few years later that missionary was over in this country. He said, "Rody, have you heard what they have been saying about you over in Bethlehem?" I said, "No, I have not. I'm not so sure I want to know but tell me anyway." Then he said, "You remember the night when you played the trombone for the wedding celebration in the edge of the town of Bethlehem. Well, ever since that night the people who were in that celebration have been telling their friends that on the night of their wedding celebration a heavenly messenger came from the fields of Bethlehem with a golden horn and played the Christmas carols."



FOLDOORS are back against wall making one large room.

● "Convertibility" of space is the answer. Every day more and more churches solve space problems by installing FOLDOOR—the new, improved fabric-covered folding door.

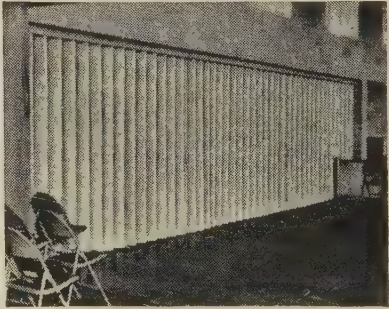
FOLDOOR "sizes" the room to the size of the group—serves as a movable wall, divides large rooms into smaller rooms, each with its own privacy.

FOLDOOR, made in a wide range of sizes, comes in a variety of beautiful fabrics to fit into the church atmosphere. All fabrics are vinyl-coated, fire-resistant and are easily washed.

Let your local FOLDOOR distributor help you solve your own particular problem. Consult your classified telephone directory for his name and phone number. Or write the factory.



FOLDOORS are extended to divide large room into small Sunday School classrooms.



Entire department sealed off by another FOLDOOR.

The smartest thing in doors!



Always identify FOLDOOR by this exclusive, attractive cornice top.

HOLCOMB & HOKE MFG. CO., INC.
1545 Van Buren St., Indianapolis 7, Ind.



Christmas Miscellany

IN BETHLEHEM, TODAY

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie.
But no bright star of love and peace
Adorns thy storied sky.
Forgotten are thy ancient dreams,
The Wise Men are no more,
The shepherds hear war's brutal strife
Resound from shore to shore.

O little town of Bethlehem,
Still speak to us of peace,
Though warlike tumult slays our hearts,
Though battles will not cease.
Renew in us our old-time faith,
Give us new gleams of hope,
Though surging peoples yield to dread,
And nations blindly grope.

O little town of Bethlehem,
Above the din of war
We still can hear the angel's song,
We still can see thy Star!

—Thomas Curtis Clark
in *The Christian Advocate*

WHAT IS CHRISTMAS?

Where is Christmas? In a world armed to the teeth, gripped by fear and torn by feuds, piling up guns and bombs, filling the sky with winged weapons, ready to suffocate cities; a world of bigoted nationalisms, cut crisscross by the clash of class war, which threatens to tear society to shreds; . . . in such a world Christmas seems lost beyond recall, a lovely legend of long ago, pitiful in its fragile dream-woven beauty, or else a myth and a mockery . . .

Yet, despite ages of brutality and blurred vision, the wonder still abides and grows. Surviving centuries of slaughter, it still haunts us alike by its incredible beauty and its unconquerable faith. . . . It is our only hope of healing the broken lives and warring wills of men; our only prophecy of a merry world Christmas.

—Joseph Fort Newton

* * *

The earth has grown old with its burden of care,
But at Christmas it always is young.
The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair,
And its soul full of music breaks forth on the air
When the song of the angels is sung.

—Phillips Brooks

* * *

The wonderful thing about Christmas is that it fulfills our dreams. It suspends our indifferences and selfishness and fears and hates, and makes men for an instant spiritually kin. No man must be hungry or homeless on this day, no child forlorn, no heart forsaken, no race despised, no nation outlawed. We must be brothers all, as children all of the one Father, and must dwell together in his Kingdom. And the



Away in a manger, no crib for His bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay—
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

Kingdom comes on Christmas day in millions of human souls the world around, so that we see the glory ere it fades again "into the light of common day."

This is our task—to seize and hold and perpetuate the Christmastide. To live a life, and not merely a single day or season, which is delivered of prejudice and pride, hostility and hate, and committed to understanding, compassion, and good will. Then will there be no more Christian and pagan, Jew and Gentile, black and white, native and alien, or any other division but only the human family, one as God is one, and heirs of his Kingdom.

Lift up yourselves to the great meaning of the day, and dare to think of your humanity as something so Divinely precious that it is worthy of being an offering to God. Count it a privilege to make that offering as complete as possible, keeping nothing back, and then go out to the pleasures and duties of your life, having been born anew into His Divinity, as He was born into our humanity on Christmas Day.

—John Haynes Holmes

* * *

Where children, pure and happy,
Pray to the Blessed Child,
Where misery cries out to Thee,
Son of the Mother mild;
Where charity stands watching,
And Faith holds wide the door;
The dark night wakes, the glory breaks,
And Christmas comes once more.

—Little known verse of
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

There is joy at Christmas because it calls us to take fresh interest in the world. If the message of peace which the day brings means anything more than the season's compliments—if, in short, it means what it says, that God is love and men are brothers—then this holy day challenges mankind to establish that truth worldwide among nations. Particularly among the nations.

That our joy may be full, contrast the first Christmas with our own times. Then the sun rose on a world drunk with power, a world in which truth was scorned and hypocrisy throned, a world of slaves and masters, of hard rich and helpless poor. Today Christmas dawns on a world far from perfect, yet in the process of perfection. And in the process because a Man once taught that while God is in His heaven, nothing can be right with the world until men set it right.

—William Wallace Rose

* * *

And the Lord God whispered and said to me,
"These things shall be, these things shall be,
Nor help shall come from the scarlet skies
Till the people rise.
Till the people rise, my arm is weak;
I cannot speak till the people speak,
When men are dumb, my voice is dumb—
I cannot come till my people come . . .
So God is mute and Heaven is still
While the nations kill."

—Angela Morgan

* * *

PRAYER

As we bow at the Cradle of Jesus, let there be in us, O Lord, a new nativity of faith and hope and the charity that thinketh no evil and abideth forever. May his tenderness touch us to a new gentleness toward all our fellowmen in whom, however dimly, Thou dwellest, and make us liberal to those who know bitterness and want. Hasten the day when the spirit of love and gladness shall fill the earth with shapes of purity and beauty, as of old it made the sky melodious with prophecy. Help forward the time when there shall be no more war, no more misery in our streets, because the laws of love have been searched out. Make our hearts a Cradle of peace and good will toward men. Amen.

—Joseph Fort Newton (Adapted)

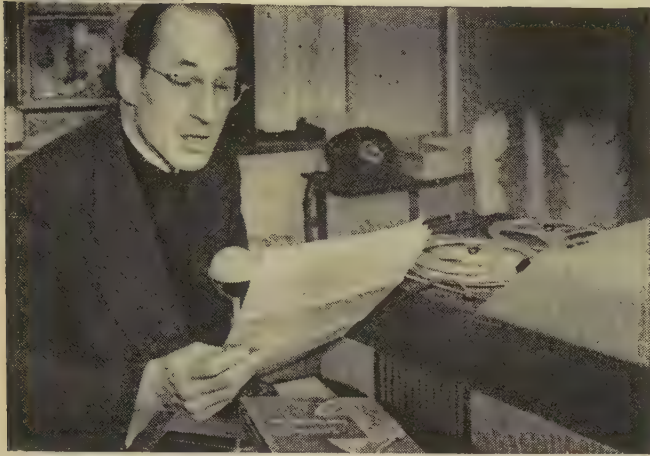
* * *

JESUS BORN

The familiar story of the birth of the Saviour in the first and third Gospels is no more beautiful than this solemn
(Turn to page 32)



"Free booklet tells how tape recording helps ministers, choir directors, church workers"



RECORDINGS OF SERMONS enable a preacher to criticize and improve his delivery in the privacy of his study. Tape can be used and re-used indefinitely; each recording automatically erases the preceding one.



CHOIR REHEARSALS accomplish more in less time with tape recording. The director can reserve his comments until the end of a number, then go over the tape recording in detail. This makes for smoother rehearsals and faster learning.



FOREIGN MISSIONS become a closer part of your church with tape recording. Voices of missionaries and natives recorded on the spot are reproduced at the home church with lifelike fidelity. No needle scratch or distortion.



BAZAARS AND CARNIVALS take on a lively atmosphere when a tape-recorded "spiel" is added to the proceedings. Music, information, announcements can be added to the tape, which plays as long as two hours without interruption.



MINNESOTA MINING & MFG. CO.
St. Paul 6, Minn. Dept. MC-111

Please send free booklet "15 Sound Ideas for a More Active Church."

Name.....

Church.....

City..... Zone... State.....

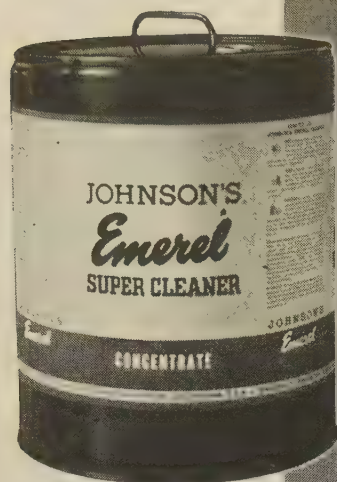
SEND FOR YOUR COPY of this new booklet showing how tape recording is used in churches throughout the country. Tips on recording, editing, splicing, storing tape. Clear, interesting pictures; informative text.

In Canada: Minn. Mining & Mfg. of Canada, Ltd., London, Canada.



Made in U.S.A. by MINNESOTA MINING & MFG. CO., St. Paul 6, Minn.—also makers of "Scotch" Brand Pressure-sensitive Tapes, "Underseal" Rubberized Coating, "Scotchlite" Reflective Sheeting, "Safety-Walk" Non-slip Surfacing, "3M" Abrasives, "3M" Adhesives. General Export: Minn. Mining & Mfg. Co., International Division, 270 Park Ave., New York 17, N.Y.

For sloppy weather cleanups!



Johnson's Emerel

The new lightning-fast, no-scrubbing cleaner!

For all
cleanable surfaces...

- terrazzo
- marble
- ceramic tile
- vitreous tile
- asphalt tile
- rubber tile
- wood
- linoleum

Faster...Easier... Cleans in 60 seconds!

Emerel cuts oil, dirt, grease, surface stains instantly! Simply mop on—leave for 60 seconds—remove. That's all there is to it. No scrubbing. Dirt, grime, grease come off with Emerel solution.

Emerel acts instantly and cleans completely—even when used with cold or hard water! Ideal for floors, walls, ceilings, woodwork. Deodorizes all surfaces. Costs only pennies per gallon of solution.

Write today for free Emerel demonstration!



Save money on Johnson's powerful new WET-DRY VAC

See special offer on opposite page!

S. C. JOHNSON & SON, INC.

Maintenance Products Dept. CM-11
Racine, Wisconsin



A Christmas Service in Your Home

A DRAMA in this issue says "Christmas Is a Family Affair." Why not advocate a Christmas home service for the folks in your parish. The family recorder and a few good records will help to create the atmosphere. For a suggestion we print a service that originally appeared in the publication of the Lake Avenue Baptist Church, Rochester, New York.

Prelude

Christmas music played or sung.

Candle Lighting

A member lights a candle and says: "We light a candle in our home in remembrance of the Christ-Child and the first Christmas. He is the light of our home and of the world."

Another lights a candle and says: "We light a candle to represent the bright star which shone when Jesus was born. The world was dark then, as now, but the star of promise still shines."

Carol

"O Little Town of Bethlehem."

The Christmas Story

Luke 2:1-7.

There was no room for them in the inn. They were like many families of today, yet the child Jesus received tender love and care.

Since that time, the world has made room for him more and more until now great numbers of churches, cathedrals, schools, hospitals and homes are carrying on his work.

He still comes into every home and every heart that will receive him.

Carol

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."

Reading

Luke 2:8-20.

Beautiful thoughts about Christmas come to us today:

That Christ is born even now in the hearts of all who receive him.

That he can grow in the hearts of all people, and can grow up once more in the children of today.

That he is present with our dear ones in other places as he is with us.

Prayer Carol

The family may sing softly:

"O holy Child of Bethlehem!

Descend to us, we pray;

Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today."

Reading

Matthew 2:1-11.

Wise men saw a beautiful star in the sky, the star of a King.

They journeyed far that they might worship him and present to him the finest gift they could offer, representing devotion, loving reverence and tender remembrance.

We also would worship him with devotion, with loving reverence, and with tender remembrance.

We celebrate Christmas by giving our gifts to him, by remembering others, and by having his spirit in our home.

Carol

"Joy to the World."

What We Like Best About Christmas

Each member may tell what he likes best about Christmas, or its special meaning to him.

Letters

Special Christmas letters may be read if it is desired. Then heads may be bowed in a moment of silent (or audible) prayer for the senders.

Christmas Tree Dedication

For a Christmas tree, such words as the following may be recited:

"We dedicate this tree to be a part of our celebration of Christmas. As it has been gaily decorated and loaded with gifts of love, may our lives bring happiness and bear God's good gifts to others."

Ministerial Oddities

(From page 6)

... Fantastic stories are told about others in the village. They are often bred of envy and hate."

* * *

Brooklyn Life tells this story about two women. One said, "Bella told me that you told her that secret I told you not to tell her." The other replied, "She's a mean thing. I told her not to tell you I told you." The first speaker responded, "Well, I told her I wouldn't tell you she told me—so don't tell her I did."

* * *

Gossip can be prevented. Charles II was king of England 1630-1685. He was once asked to reveal something of a private nature. Said the king, "Can you keep a secret?" "Most faithfully," was the reply. "So can I," said the subtle king.

In New York 5 FINE RESTAURANTS

sleep like a top

at the *New*
Prince George Hotel



Singles with bath from \$4.00

28th just East of 5th Ave.



For sloppy weather cleanups!

The new **KINGPIN** of heavy-duty vacuums!

STORMY WEATHER SPECIAL!

SAVE \$55

With each 55-gallon purchase of Johnson's Emerel Super Cleaner, you get a big, powerful Johnson's Wet-Dry Vac (regularly \$240.00) for only \$185.00. This offer good until Dec. 31, 1951.

Johnson's powerful new Wet-Dry Vac makes light work of big cleaning jobs. Cleans thoroughly, quickly, easily. Versatile, sturdy, quiet, easy to move. Complete with standard tools for most jobs... special accessories for other work. Full flexible hose—steel cleaning wand—large floor tool—upholstery tool—super-suction rubber squeegee—35' pull-out-proof rubber cord set—U.L.-approved. Built-in static and noise eliminator.

- Water pick-up
- Carpet cleaning
- Dust removal
- Upholstery cleaning
- Shop floor pick-up
- General surface cleaning

See opposite page about Johnson's Emerel... the sensational 60-second cleaner

In less than 60 seconds, Emerel removes grease, dirt, grime, surface stains without scrubbing! Perfect for all types of floors, woodwork, walls, ceilings—all cleanable surfaces!



MAIL THIS COUPON TODAY!

Ship us one 55-gal. drum of Johnson's Emerel @ \$2.45 per gallon and Johnson's Wet-Dry Vac at the bargain price of \$185.00.

Have a representative call prepared to demonstrate Johnson's Wet-Dry Vac and Emerel.

Send us more information.

S. C. Johnson & Son, Inc.

Maintenance Products Dept. CM-11,
Racine, Wisconsin

Name _____ Title _____

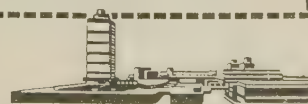
Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____

S. C. JOHNSON & SON, INC.

Maintenance Products Dept. CM-11 Racine, Wisconsin



INCREASE CHURCH ATTENDANCE

WITH THE KEISTER SERIES

Stimulate new interest in the Church and its work by running the Keister "Support the Church" series in your local newspaper each week.

These beautiful pages, with human-interest illustrations and brief, inspiring texts are available at once, and may be run without cost to churches.

Over 300 different ads (including many that feature timely and seasonal events) from which to choose. Series is now running in over 600 newspapers from coast to coast.

Ministers or ministerial associations, write now for full information, suggested methods for financing and proofs of this great aid to church work.

Keister Advertising Service
FIRST in CHURCH ADVERTISING
STRASBURG, VIRGINIA

OPENING STATEMENT AT WASHINGTON

The Purpose of the Pilgrimage

*by Harold Cooke Phillips**

DR. HAROLD DUDLEY, through whose vision and great promotional abilities this Pilgrimage was made possible, has asked me to say a few words.

This is a significant gathering. The importance of any assemblage is not measured by its size but by the motives and purposes that inspire it. This is what makes "The Washington Pilgrimage of American Churchmen" of such moment. There are therefore two questions that we should raise.

The first is, why are we here, what is our motive in coming? If I correctly interpret the spirit of this Pilgrimage we are not here just to enjoy fellowship with each other, rich and meaningful though that fellowship undoubtedly will be.

We are not here to go on a sight-seeing tour of the capital with its historic symbols, interesting and instructive as that is.

Nor are we here to see the President or hear him speak. For most if not all of us had decided to make this Pilgrimage before we knew that we should be greatly honored by his presence tonight.

I should even go further and say that we are not here primarily to do honor to a distinguished Christian layman and a venerable, scholarly clergyman as such; rather we are here to honor them because they symbolize certain values, stand for certain principles—in a word, because they bear witness to the Christian faith which is an integral part of the heritage that is America's and without which our country just would not be our country.

We have come voluntarily and at our own expense because we believe in God, because we believe in the Church, and because we know that our one sure hope lies in our moral and spiritual regeneration. Woodrow Wilson spoke no truer word than when he said that no nation can survive materially unless it is redeemed spiritually.

It must be the realization of this fact that has evoked the fine spirit of co-

operation and good will towards this Pilgrimage, a spirit evidenced not only in radio and press, in the hospitality extended by the National Gallery of Art, but even by the officials of our government, both in Congress and in the White House.

The second question we should ask is, what do we hope to accomplish, what is our purpose in coming? The story has it that when Wendell Phillips visited Plymouth he stood on the famous Rock. A citizen of Plymouth approached him and boasted of the good fortune of that town in having the Rock within its borders. Wendell Phillips replied: "This Rock underlies all America, it only cropped out here."

We are here to remind our country of her goodly heritage. That Rock, symbolizing our Christian foundations, is undergoing serious erosion today. The waves of secularism are wearing it down. It is often buried under the debris of a philosophy of life so steeped in policies of opportunism and expediency that we are prone to forget that every civilization is undergirded by the eternal principles of righteousness and truth, to betray which is to destroy ourselves. It would be a sad day for our country should the symbols of our Christian heritage which we shall be viewing here, become like our money in that they no longer can be taken at their face value, no longer represent the values for which they once stood. Could we but realize it, the depreciation of our spiritual values is vastly more serious than the inflation of our money, serious though that be.

We are therefore here to try to call the nation back to the rock whence we were hewn. By our presence we are bearing witness to the validity and eternal relevance of the Christian gospel and to the continuing importance of the Christian church. For the Christian church, despite its shortcomings and relative ineffectiveness, is the earthen vessel which still contains the treasure of God's truth, the truth which under God makes men really free and nations truly great.

If such be our motive and our purpose, may we not hope that our Pilgrimage shall not have been in vain.

*Minister, First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland. This introductory statement was made at the first meeting, at the National Art Gallery, Friday morning, September 28.

The first automatic tape recorder...

with completely
automatic
Push-Button
Control



So Simple A Child Can Operate It



The World's Most Advanced Tape Recorder

The last word in an easy-to-operate tape recorder—as simple to use as an auto radio! Push a button and it records—push another button and it plays. Two other buttons give you fast forward or fast reverse. It's quick, easy, convenient. This new tape recorder gives brilliant, rich reproduction with life-like fidelity—up to 4 hours on one 7-inch reel. Ideal for recording and reproducing voice or music—for home, industry, schools, churches, clubs. Compact, portable—and amazingly low priced. An engineering triumph by Wilcox-Gay, long-time pioneers in low cost quality recording.

Send coupon for circular giving full specifications!

- Weighs less than 20 pounds.
- Measures 12" x 14" x 7".
- Uses both 5" and 7" reels.
- High speed wind—forward and reverse.
- Available in two models:
Model 2A10—(two speeds) 3¾ and 7½. Plays up to 2 hours on one 7" reel.
Model 2A11—(two speeds) 3¾ and 1½. Plays up to 4 hours on one 7" reel.
- 5 x 7 Elliptical Speaker . . . high fidelity reproduction.
- Records from mike, external radio or other external sources.
- Tape may be erased and re-used indefinitely.
- Jack for plug-in external speaker.
- Accessories available for office dictation use.

MONSON CORPORATION

Exclusive Photographic and Educational Distributors

919 N. MICHIGAN AVE., CHICAGO 11, ILL.

MONSON CORPORATION
919 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 11, Ill.

CM-11

Please send me circular on the new Recordio "Push-Button Control" Tape Recorder and name of nearest dealer.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____

BIS

brings the romance of history and literature to your classroom or church through its large selection of fascinating and informative

FILM STRIPS

HISTORY IN STONES

From Stonehenge through prehistoric and Roman Britain, the Dark Ages and the Norman Conquest, an interesting story in stones.



36 Frames

THE LAKE DISTRICT

Cumberland, Westmorland and Lancashire, inspiration of poets through the ages, (notably Wordsworth), shown in detail.

43 Frames



EDINBURGH, FESTIVAL CITY

The history and culture of the capital of Scotland, site of the Annual Festival of Music and Drama.



42 Frames

THE SHAKESPEARE COUNTRY

Scenes of Shakespeare's home, Holy Trinity Church, the 20th Century Memorial Theater and many others.

39 Frames



\$3.00 Per Film Strip

These are only four of the many Film Strips, Picture Sets and 16mm Sound Films available.

Write for complete set of "catalogues

BRITISH INFORMATION SERVICES
30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N.Y.

THIS NATION "UNDER GOD"

The Religious Faith of Abraham Lincoln

by Theodore A. Distler*

This address by Dr. Distler was delivered on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D. C. on September 30, before the Washington Pilgrimage of American Churchmen. The music for the occasion was provided by the chorus of Howard University.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S religious faith was no mere intellectual assent to theological propositions, but a vital trust in the God of the Universe. In 1863, in his letter to the Quakers of Iowa Lincoln wrote: "It is most cheering and encouraging for me to know that in the efforts which I have made, and am making, for the restoration of a righteous peace to our country, I am upheld and sustained by the good wishes and prayers of God's people. No one is more deeply than myself aware that without his favor our highest wisdom is but as foolishness, and that our most strenuous efforts would avail nothing in the shadow of his displeasure. It seems to me that if there be one subject upon which all good men may unitedly agree, it is in imploring the gracious favor of the God of Nations upon the struggle our people are making for the preservation of their precious birthright of civil and religious liberty." The faith in "the Beneficent Creator and Ruler of the Universe" expressed here is a recurrent theme in Lincoln's public addresses, official and personal correspondence, and proclamations.

It is true that, in early manhood, Lincoln discarded a number of the theological propositions which were held by his somewhat superstitious neighbors and contemporaries. As he grew older he gave up belief in supernatural miracles which seemed to defy natural law. Likewise, he could not go along with the popular belief in the literally inspired accuracy of the Bible narrative. In both instances modern theologians and Biblical scholars have confirmed his convictions.

Totally independent of the expressed creeds of his neighbors, Lincoln united

formally with no church. Yet, in 1864, in a letter to the Methodist Episcopal Church, he wrote with deep feeling: "God bless all the churches, and blessed be God, who in this great trial, giveth us the churches." Lord Charmwood writes: "He still went and took his boys to Presbyterian Worship—their mother was an Episcopalian and his own parents had been Baptists. He loved the Bible and knew it intimately . . ."

In the year before his death, Lincoln wrote to Speed, a cabinet member: "I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this book upon reason that you can and the balance upon faith and you will live and die a better man." It may be difficult for a generation which is Biblically illiterate to appreciate the full implications of this personal reference. Believe me when I declare that it is practically impossible for a man to form a practice of reading, with reason and with faith, the inspired scriptures of Judaism and Christianity without being motivated by the desire for superhuman help, which desire is of the very essence of religious faith.

In the minds of his biographers there is no doubt that Lincoln prayed. Lord Charmwood is quite convinced that his prayer life was genuine. "So humorous a man was also unlikely to be too conceited to say his prayers. At any rate he said them; said them intently; valued the fact that others prayed for him and for the nation; and, as in official proclamations he could wield, like no modern writer, the language of the prayer book, so he would speak of prayer without the smallest embarrassment in talk with a general or a statesman."

We recognize fully the intrinsic values of corporate worship, of the sacraments, and of other religious exercises; nevertheless, the heart of religion is to be found in prayer. Theological beliefs and ethical conduct belong to the totality of the phenomenon known as religion, but more important than either or both is ultimate dependence upon spiritual power. That Lincoln turned, especially in times of crisis, to Almighty God for guidance and for help is admitted by all. In this fact is to be found the validity of his re-

*President, Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

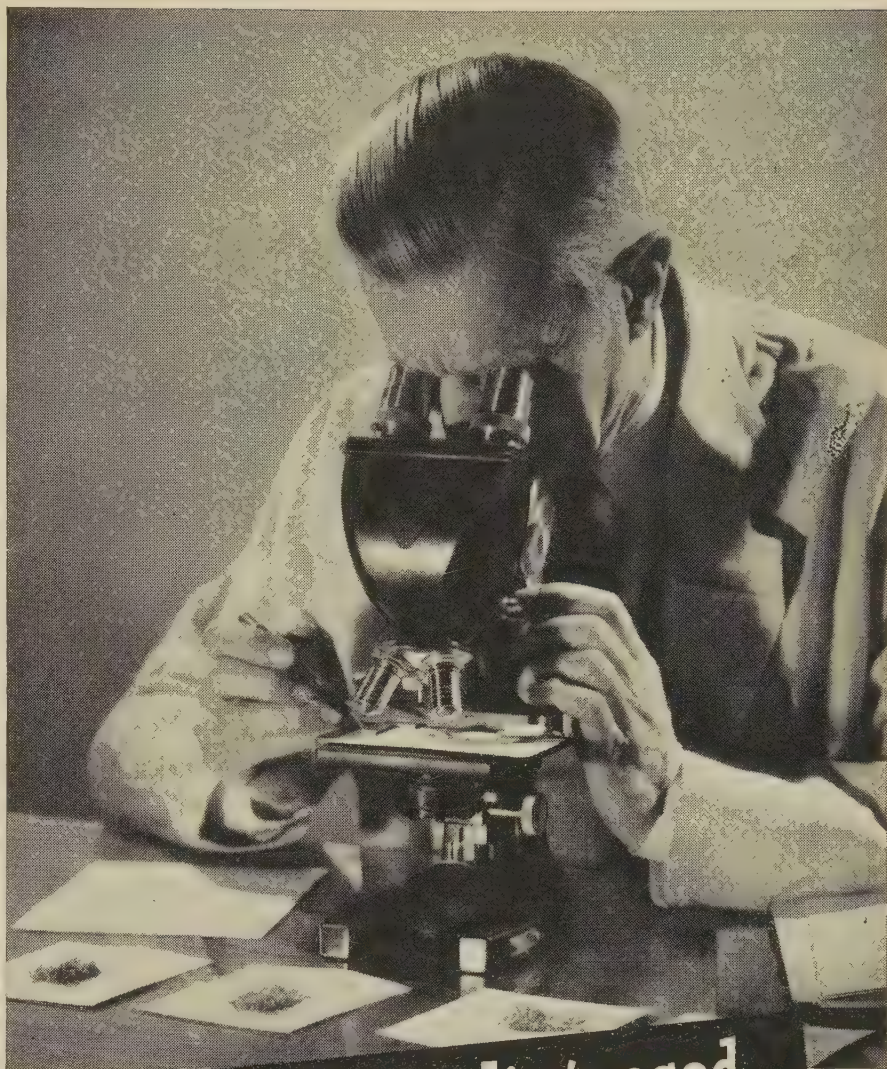
ligious faith. He trusted God; he relied upon the Creator; he had a deep sense of dependence upon the Almighty. He prayed often to the God of his fathers. His religious faith was dynamic; it was personal. We believe that it was effective. Surely, the labors of Lincoln on behalf of his country bear witness that "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Lincoln did have a theology, although it was not a popular theology. In a narrow sense his theology may have been limited to an intense belief in a vast and overruling Providence. But he was not a deist. For him the divine providence was still creatively active and was available in a personal manner. In his campaign for election he was very much hurt by the opposition of clergymen. He confessed to being no Christian in the sense that he was not a church member, but he announced his theological creed: "I know that there is a God and that He hates injustice and slavery. I see the storm coming and I know that His hand is in it. If He has a place and work for me, and I think He has, I believe that I am ready. I am nothing, but truth is everything; I know I am right because I know liberty is right, for Christ teaches it, and Christ is God. I have told them that a house divided against itself cannot stand, and Christ and reason say the same, and they will find it so."

Such language does not belong to deism, or rationalism, or humanism, or unitarianism. On their face value, these are the words of a Christocentric theist. Lincoln not only believed that God exists, he seemed to have believed that God broke through at a point in history, that he is incarnated in Christ. Christ is God.

Lincoln's theology is clearly set forth in the Second Inaugural Address. Probably no other speech of a modern statesman uses so unreservedly the language of intense religious feeling. This speech reflects not only his conception of the nature of God, but also his conception of the nature of man.

"The Almighty has his own purposes. 'Woe unto the world because of offenses! for it must needs be that offenses come; but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh.' If we shall suppose that American slavery is one of those offenses which, in the providence of God, must needs come, but which, having continued through His appointed time, He now wills to remove, and that He gives to both North and South this terrible war, as the woe due to those by whom the offense came, shall we discern therein any departure from those divine attributes which the believers in a living God always ascribe to Him?"



Even the dirt is diagnosed...

Holcomb solves your cleaning problems, cuts your cleaning costs . . . long before your floors are touched!

Inside the Holcomb Research Laboratory, science scrubs your floor. Every cleaning tool is tested; every cleaning operation is time-studied.

And on the job, Holcomb research works for you. Your floors

are checked. Treatments are thoroughly tested. Even the dirt is diagnosed. Your Holcomb Serviceman recommends the correct products to fit your conditions.

Call a Cleaning Engineer—your Holcomb Serviceman. He will make a complete cleaning survey, give you scientific cleaning recommendations for walls, floors, ceilings and machinery.

Research laboratory and factory, 1601 Barth Avenue, Indianapolis 7, Ind. Branches in New York and Los Angeles.



J. I. HOLCOMB
MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Scientific cleaning materials

Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled up by the bondman's two hundred and fifty years of unrequired toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said, 'The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.'"

Here are the outlines of a sound and dynamic theology, which declares that God has an eternal purpose for humanity; that he is a just God whose judgment is upon all who disobey his law; that man is, by nature, a sinner whose redemption depends upon his trust in the love and forgiveness of the grace of God.

In closing, consider with me the final words of Lincoln's farewell at Springfield in 1861: "I now leave, not knowing when or whether ever I may return, with a task before me greater than that which rested upon Washington. Without the assistance of that Divine Being who ever attended upon him, I cannot succeed. With that assistance, I cannot fail. Trusting in Him, who can go with me, and remain with you, and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that all will yet be well. To His care commending you, as I hope in your prayers you will commend me, I bid you an affectionate farewell."

How far is this dynamic faith of Lincoln from the soporific, man-centered, machine-trusting, superficially optimistic creed in evidence upon us. In times like our own, can we be men of little faith? Our national destiny and the future of western civilization wait for the leadership of men whose religious faith will equal that of Abraham Lincoln.

In the December PULPIT DIGEST

*The professional journal of
the Protestant ministry*

• LESLIE D. WEATHERHEAD

"The Christmas Challenge to Communism"—a timely, thought-provoking sermon for Christmas Day

• ROBERT J. McCracken

A profound and inspiring sermon for the New Year—"A Dynamic Church in a Troubled World"

• KERMIT J. NORD

"Christmas in Arts and Music"—a new idea for a simple and effective Christmas program

... plus special sermons for Advent and Universal Bible Sunday, and many other aids to your ministry. Enter your subscription today.

ONE YEAR, \$3.00—THREE YEARS, \$6.00

PULPIT DIGEST
Great Neck, New York

Christmas Miscellany

(From page 24)

proclamation of the descent of God to take residence in human flesh. This is the miracle of the ages. To the Jew the Divine Presence had been symbolized by the ark in Tabernacle and Temple. Yet he had never dreamed of a human incarnation of his God. For him God and man had always been poles apart, the holy from the unholy. Now eternity broke through time and Love was destined to shatter the temporal reign of evil. Light and the Divine Truth appeared to open the eyes of men to God's glory and to redeem their souls. The wonder of it leaves us speechless.

The effect of this Divine act is well put by Macaulay: "It was before Deity embodied in a human form, walking among men, partaking of their infirmities, leaning on their bosoms, weeping over their graves, slumbering in the manger, bleeding on the cross, that the prejudices of the synagogue, and the doubts of the academy, and the swords of the thirty legions, were humbled to the dust."

God of Light, God of grace, inspire us on this day of days to know Thy love revealed in Thy holy Word, and to worship and serve Him with all our heart and strength. Praise be to Thee for Thy wonderful gift. Amen.

From "Thy Kingdom Come," a daily devotions book for 1947, published by the United Lutheran Church in America.

* * *

A Christmas wish to our Church Family

Above the voices of the world
We hear the angel's song
Amid the hate of greed and wrong
We know that Love is strong.

For long ago God dreamed a dream
Of Peace, Good Will to men
He knows men will remember
And dream his dream again.

"A Merry Christmas to All"

—Rev. and Mrs. Thurman F. Alexander
Willoughby, Ohio

Christmas Carol

The earth has grown old with its burden
of care,
But at Christmas it always is young,
The heart of the jewel burns lustrous
and fair,
And its soul full of music bursts forth
on the air,
When the song of the angels is sung.

It is coming, Old Earth, it is coming
tonight!

On the snowflakes that cover thy
sod.
The feet of the Christ-child fall gentle
and white,
And the voice of the Christ-child tells
out with delight
That mankind are the Children of
God.

On the sad and the lonely, the wretched
and poor,
The voice of the Christ-child shall
fall;
And to every blind wanderer open the
door
Of hope that he dared not to dream of
before,
With a sunshine and welcome for all.

The feet of the humblest may walk in
the field

Where the feet of the Holiest trod,
This, then, is the marvel to mortals re-
vealed

When the silvery trumpets of Christ-
mas have pealed,

That mankind are the children of
God.

Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893

* * *

End of the Year Prayer

Our Father, Who hast patiently led us through this busy year, giving us more than we have deserved, or even desired, give us at this Christmas time the grace of Christ. Let the gracious spirit of Jesus, the spirit of the little child, as it knocks today at the hearts of men, enter our lives and bless them. Give our hands strength, not to do great things, but to do small things graciously. Heal the wounds of misunderstanding, jealousy, or regret that scar our hearts, and let the gentle air of the Christmas spirit touch our lives, as the cold of winter is touched by the balmy days of spring. As the old year ends and the new year begins, grant us peace with the world and peace in our own hearts, that those we love and those whom we may help may have sweet joy and rest; through Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Francis G. Peabody

"PLAN FOR PROFIT"

How to Raise Money for
Church Projects

Write for "Samples" and "Schedule of Profits"

Souvenir Activity Calendars

11106 Lincoln Avenue, Garfield Heights 25, O.



VESTMENTS

for Choir and Pulpit
Hangings - Ornaments
Supplies - Etc.

Catalog free on request

The C. E. Ward Co.
New London, Ohio

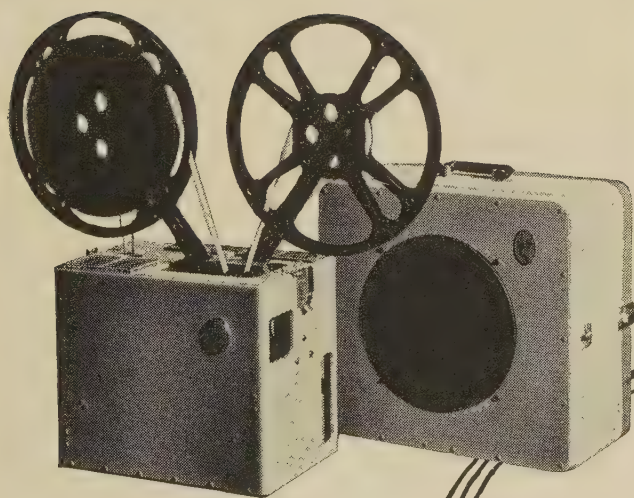


**STAINED GLASS
WINDOWS**

WHITTEMORE ASSOC.
16 ASHBURTON PLACE

BOSTON 8 MASS.

**Only one famous name
brings you all these
16mm advantages . . .**



SAFETY FILM TRIPS

for complete protection against film damage and program interruption

STATIONARY SOUND DRUM

No moving parts to wear or get out of adjustment

180° SWING-OUT LENS

for easy threading and cleaning of both film channel and pressure plate

DUAL FLEXO PAWLS

Famous cushioned action to eliminate perforation damage

INSTANTILT

Locates picture on screen instantly, easily

TAILORED SOUND

Five different projector-speaker combinations . . . to serve any audience situation and to conform with any budget limitations

OFFSET FILM LOOP

Prevents image weave without customary film tension

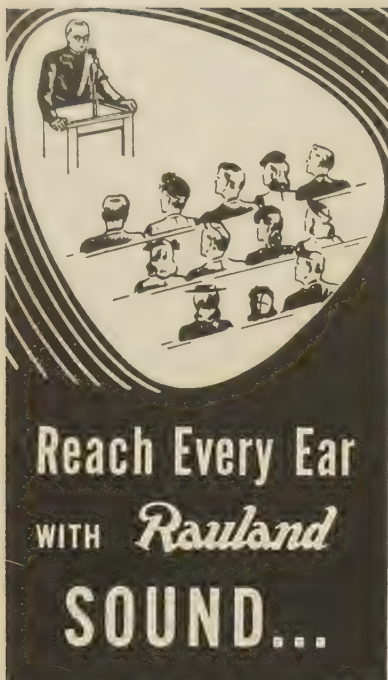
The above features exclusively Victor

Victor Animatograph Corporation

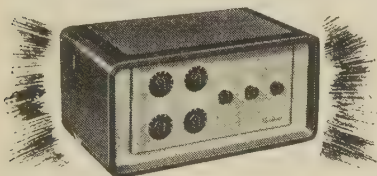
DAVENPORT, IOWA

New York • Chicago • Distributors Throughout the World

*Past indications predict great expectations . . .
watch for new, greater-than-ever developments in
Victor 16mm Sound Motion Picture Projectors!*



When all can hear, there is rapt interest in every word and thought expressed by the church leader. Yet few voices have the resonance and carrying power to reach all of the average congregation. Few churches have good acoustic properties. These two factors point to the value of RAULAND Sound Systems now available. No church should deprive itself of this modestly-priced electronic facility with its powerful congregation-building advantages.



The RAULAND 32-watt amplifier, equipped with matched reproducers and microphone, achieves powerful, natural reinforcement of sound throughout the church edifice.



A RAULAND Sound System puts an end to voice-strain and ear-strain. Voice and music are reinforced naturally, beautifully and are heard clearly throughout the church.



RAULAND Sound Systems have provision for hearing-aid attachments. In addition, they also provide record-playing facility for background music, educational records and church entertainment.



Other RAULAND Sound Systems are available for powerful, glorious amplification of chime, organ and choral music from your church tower.

Hundreds of fine churches have selected RAULAND Electronic Amplification. Plan now for a RAULAND installation in your church. Write us for details...our experienced Church Division will gladly assist you.



RAULAND-BORG CORPORATION
3523-C ADDISON ST., CHICAGO 18, ILL.

HE SWORE ON THE ALTAR OF GOD

The Inspirational Significance of Thomas Jefferson

by Edward L. R. Elson*

IN his own day they called him a "dangerous character." They dubbed him the "Great Transgressor." When he was a candidate for the Presidency, the whole nation debated whether or not a man of his radical opinions was fit to be the President of the United States. Yet, Thomas Jefferson gave the inner spiritual substance to the American Revolution.

He was not a skillful politician nor an eloquent speaker. He had an eager and daring mind but he was not regarded as brilliant. His contemporaries found him a little aloof, remote, not easily given to intimacies. Yet this man at whose Memorial we have foregathered this morning was the author of one of the two most significant political documents in existence, the first being the Declaration of Independence, the Magna Charta being the second.

Thomas Jefferson was a Virginian, a land-owner, and farmer. He was a lawyer, and a red-headed one at that; an architect; a scientist; a horseman; and an inventor, having designed the first revolving chair and the first dumb-waiter. He assembled a notable library of books, which he not only possessed but read. His knowledge was as catholic as his gifts were versatile. He was a voluminous writer, maintaining a prodigious correspondence. He was acquainted with music and familiar with all the arts. He was the governor of his native State, during the most anxious period of the Revolutionary War. He was the author of the Virginia statute of religious freedom, separating church from state, an act passed by the Legislature seven years after its initiation when he was no longer a member of the body. He edited a Bible of his own, which by concurrent resolution of the 57th Congress, was printed in an edition of 9,000 copies and was known as "The Jefferson Bible." He was a man of wealth and social position, an aristocrat of aristocrats, but also a Democrat among Democrats.

Thomas Jefferson was the chief ideological exponent of the American Revolu-

A Pilgrimage Paper

This address was delivered before the Washington Pilgrimage of American Churchmen. It was delivered from the steps of the Jefferson Memorial, Washington, D. C.

lution. If he had done nothing but write the Declaration of Independence, we should be eternally grateful and would pause to do him honor today.

The war against the mother country was already on when the second Continental Congress was called to meet in May, 1775. The Americans began to defend what they believed to be "their ancient rights." On June 17, 1776, a committee was called upon to prepare a Declaration of Independence and after full discussion at several meetings, they designated the 33-year-old Virginia lawyer to prepare a draft of the Declaration of Independence because, as John Adams said, "he had a reputation of literature, science and a happy talent of composition." Jefferson sat in the parlor of his second floor lodging at the corner of Second and Market Streets, Philadelphia, and without consulting a book or a pamphlet wrote in a half day's time, our great national "confession of faith." He showed the draft to John Adams, who made two corrections, and Benjamin Franklin who made five minor revisions. Then it was submitted to the Committee of Five and approved without change. The Declaration was reported to Congress on June 28th and laid on the table until July 1. On the second of July, the resolution declaring independence from Great Britain was voted, but it was not until July 4, 1776, that this Declaration of Independence was adopted and proclaimed throughout the world.

The Declaration had an instant and epochal effect. It kindled joy and quickened zeal for freedom. It united the colonies as nothing else had done before. It changed a defensive war for the redress of wrongs into a war for the establishment of a separate govern-

*Minister, National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C.

ment. It separated Colonial Patriots from British Loyalists; it prompted the soldiers to plunge with new courage and dauntless determination into the fight. It encouraged people everywhere to endure hardship and privation for the cause of freedom. And from the moment on the first Independence Day to this present hour, that document has been the inspiration of new hope for the oppressed of every tribe and nation and the ideological symbol of free men throughout the world.

Perhaps there were many men among the Colonists who could have prepared an eloquent renunciation of the sovereignty of George the Third. But no one, save Jefferson, in a flash of inspiration could have composed the Declaration of Independence. The processes of history conspired to bring together the glorious vision, the providential moment, and the man. For the Declaration of Independence enunciated a tremendous political revolution emanating from a spiritual emancipation. Men's minds and souls were to be free—free to build a new world. It was the result of a lofty and invincible religious spirit. Gladstone referred to the Declaration as "the greatest piece of work ever struck off at a given time by the brain of man." The adoption of this Declaration and what followed was basically a spiritual movement.

"We declare these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights: that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." This was a proclamation of universal human rights. And the world has not yet caught up to it.

Jefferson knew quite well that as a matter of present fact all men were not yet equal in endowment, in their liberties and their rights. But he knew they ought to be and would be and he declared it to be his faith and the faith of the new nation that all men thus deriving their dignity from the Creator must in the end be free men. Some who signed the document believed it a good war-time creed, but not likely to be successful on a permanent basis. Jefferson was not sure that the Revolution might succeed by its first impact but he believed that it was bound to succeed in the end. It was God-originated, and God-destined. The time for liberty to these people had come and in the end, these liberties must belong to all men. Said he, "God who gave us life, gave us liberty."

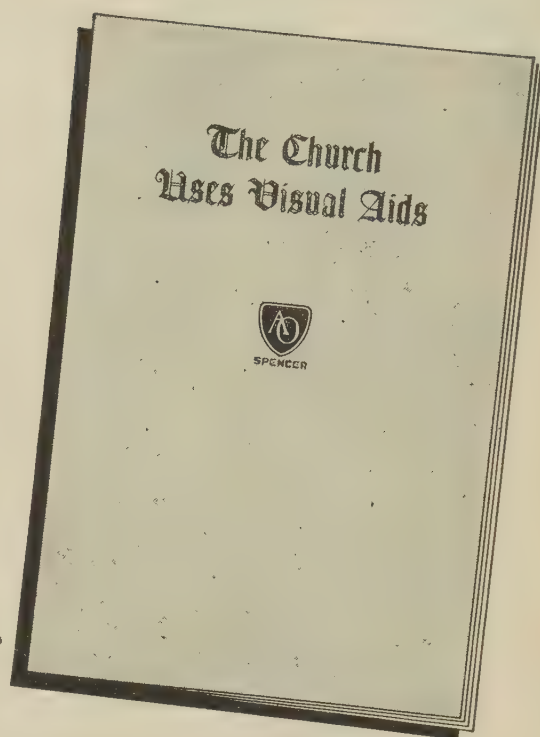
New Faith Is Born

The new world was to have a new faith. The faith would spread everywhere. Some people might suggest

(Turn to page 51)

EVERY Religious Leader

should read
this booklet...



How to make your presentations
more effective with **VISUAL AIDS**

This is a new booklet, written by a clergyman in consultation with others, for all who are interested in more effective religious instruction. Many unusual applications for opaque, slide and slide-film Delineascopes are described in 48 profusely illustrated pages.

For your **FREE COPY** write Dept. 4 132

American  Optical

COMPANY

INSTRUMENT DIVISION • BUFFALO 15, NEW YORK

PLAN TO ATTEND THE

INTERNATIONAL CHURCHMANS EXPOSITION

INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATRE
CHICAGO

MAY
19-24,
1952

To aid in the planning, construction, maintenance
and the more effective use of church property

A HINSON & VANCIL EXPOSITION
Office—19 So. LaSalle Street, Chicago 3, Illinois

Admission Free



Church Lighting

in the finest tradition of architectural and utilitarian design will greatly enhance the beauty of your church. For forty-five years our craftsmen-engineers have been planning church lighting designed to meet the needs of the individual church. Our engineering department will be pleased to consult with you regarding the most effective lighting for your church. This service is available to you without obligation.

THE
NOVELTY LIGHTING
CORPORATION

2484 EAST 22nd ST. • CLEVELAND 15, OHIO

RELIGION IS VITAL IN AMERICAN HISTORY

This Nation Under God

by *Anson Phelps Stokes*

THE Washington Pilgrimage of American Churchmen, with its motto "This Nation Under God," appeals to me as a movement likely to do much good in awakening our citizens to the part which religion has played and must continue to play in our Nation's life. As a former Canon of Washington Cathedral, and as one who has recently devoted most of his time to the study of Church-State relations in this country, I am glad to give you this message of greeting. I will confine myself to developing briefly three propositions: First, that religion has played a vital part in the development of the United States; second, that religion is necessary for democracy; third, that strong churches are necessary for maintaining and promoting religion.

(1) That religion has played a vital part in the development of the United States. I would remind you of such facts as these:

That most of our early settlers, and especially the Puritans of New England, came to this country largely with a religious motive.

That as Dr. Nichols has shown in his recent "Democracy and the Churches," our religious freedom and our development of constitutional democracy owe a tremendous debt to Puritan Protestantism.

That the Founders of this country, including the great leaders in Virginia and Massachusetts, were trained in Christian homes.

That the Declaration of Independence is permeated with a deeply religious spirit—the conviction that man is a child of God and as such has inherent rights.

That the Baptists and Presbyterians in Virginia were of enormous help to Jefferson, Madison, and the other philosopher-statesmen, in bringing about separation of Church and State in that Commonwealth, which had in turn great influence on American and European policy.

That the Federal Constitution with its Bill of Rights prevented Congress from making any law "respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

That the Ordinance of 1787, with its expressed purpose of "extending the

This paper is the response of Dr. Stokes in accepting the *Church Management* award of "Churchman of the Year 1951," in absentia. The response was read by his son, Anson Phelps, Jr., rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, New York City.

fundamental principles of civil and religious liberty," and its assurance that "religion, morality and knowledge" were "necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind"; the Methodist Circuit Rider; the Congregational school teacher; the Roman Catholic missionary priest, did much to insure that western settlement would be based on Christian principles.

That the anti-slavery cause owed much to the churches, as did the temperance movement, the abolition of child labor, the education of the Negro, and many other social welfare causes, including the planning for international peace.

That the great monuments you have visited here—those to Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln, all honor men who were deeply influenced by Christian ideals and who, although not always orthodox, were profound believers in the God and Christianity.

That well-established government institutions such as chaplaincies, Thanksgiving Day proclamations, Sunday observance by government offices, "In God We Trust" on our coins, and exemption of churches from taxation, are among the evidences of the part played by religion in American history. Such things would be impossible in the Soviet state.

(2) That religion is necessary for democracy. By democracy I mean essentially government "of the people, by the people, for the people" carried on in the spirit of freedom, or representative government with liberty. This has only been successful in countries that are essentially democratic, for democracy cannot exist without a unifying belief in God and the cohesive principle of human brotherhood—the fundamental tenets of the Judeo-Christian tradition.

That Christianity, with its goal of the Kingdom of God, its moral teaching summed up in the Golden Rule, the

*how the Baldwin Electronic Organ
brought new inspiration to our church*



*E*veryone talked about it—everyone said what a difference it made in our Sunday service—what new beauty and inspiration seemed to fill our church and I was amazed and delighted to find how well I could play the Baldwin, even at the first service! The effects achieved on the Baldwin are so wonderful! It is hard to believe that it costs so little and it occupies so small a space in our church. When our organ committee decided to buy the Baldwin, my own organ teacher and many others more expert assured me that we had chosen the best.

Your church, too, can have a Baldwin Electronic Organ. Your Baldwin representative will help you with a proven fund-raising plan. Ask him for our booklet entitled "How To Select A New Organ For Your Church," or write Department CM-11 today.



BALDWIN

ELECTRONIC ORGANS



for Christmas Giving

National BIBLES

WITH COVERS IN *Color* OR IN THE TRADITIONAL BLACK...

For Teachers and Advanced Students. No. 163. More than 60,000 references plus study aids, Concordance and Atlas. Black flexible leather cover. Moderately priced.

For Students. No. 123 Text Bible. Designed for young people—ideal for gifts or awards. Many pages of helps and illustrations.

This year as always, the Book of Books is the gift of gifts. Especially if it is a *National Bible*... finely printed and beautifully bound in one of the striking new colors—or in the traditional black.

Home, Lectern or Pulpit. No. 452 with large, easy to read crystal-clear type. Morocco grain genuine leather flexible covers. Also with Concordance, and words of Christ in red. Ask to see the New Testaments for individual or group presentations.

NBP
Beloved King James Version
National Bibles
Wherever Bibles Are Sold

example in its Founder—a divine character who exemplified completely the ideals of love and service—gives democracy ideals that are essential.

That democracy cannot exist unless there is a conviction as to the rights of the individual as against the State, human freedom, and emphasis on the basic Christian principle of good will and love. Russia, for instance, cannot become a true democracy until it substitutes good will for hate, public debate for dictatorship, freedom from oppression, the unity of mankind for its division into two warring groups, an ethical spiritual ideal for materialism, and God for the political and economic state.

(3) That strong churches are necessary for preserving and promoting religion. We must realize not only that religion is necessary for democracy, but that it cannot prosper in a vacuum or without the churches. Just as children cannot be properly trained without a home, or youth taught without schools, or justice maintained without courts, or government without legislative assemblies, so the churches are essential for the spiritual inspiration of our citizenship. They stand as symbols of religion, as training grounds for religion and ethics, as powerhouses of religion. They must lay supreme emphasis on personal religion as union with God, and must continue their efforts to rid the nation of any injustices incompatible with our Bill of Rights and with the Christian ideal of the American way of life.

Under our Constitution, as rightly interpreted by the Supreme Court, Church and State must be separate. Neither can invade the field of the other, but this does not at all mean the separation of religion from government. The principles of religion must permeate its activities, and the churches alone, including Protestant, Catholic and Jewish, must unite in doing all in their power to inspire citizens through religion, so that the State may be served, the world helped, and democracy saved.



HAVE YOU HEARD THE

Maas Vibrachime?

- It is the most versatile chime and carillon instrument available.
- It can be purchased as a complete unit, in a beautiful walnut console with self-contained keyboard.
- It can be used for inside cathedral chimes or as a bell carillon—played on its own keyboard directly, attached to any organ, or played directly from any organ manual as illustrated.

Your nearby Maas dealer will be glad to give you a demonstration. Or write direct for information.

Maas ORGAN COMPANY
Dept. 27, 3015 CASITAS • LOS ANGELES 39, CALIF.

**ENGRAVED BRASS
GIFT AND MEMORIAL PLATES**

IN MEMORY OF
MARIE THERESA PHILLIPS
BY
HER BROTHER

Hand engraved polished brass. Letters filled with baked enamel—won't tarnish. Send inscription for quotation.

BERNARD-SMITHLINE CO.

23-06 38th Avenue, Long Island City, N. Y.

A SERMON TO MODERN PILGRIMS

Christian Pilgrims of Today

by Angus Dun*

And God said unto Jacob, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God that appeared unto thee.—Genesis 35:1.

WE welcome to Washington Cathedral this afternoon the members of the Washington Pilgrimage of American Churchmen. And we are honored by their gathering here for their closing service of dedication.

For my text in God's Word I turn to one of the oldest stories in Scripture. It is the story which the ancient people of God treasured about their forefather, Jacob. He came in his journeying to a certain place and tarried there all night. In the night the heavens were opened to him. He was granted a vision of God. The Lord God stood above him and said: "I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac; the land whereon thou liest to thee will I give it, and to thy seed. And behold I am with thee in all places whither thou goest—I will not leave thee until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of."

There at Bethel, we can say, there came to Jacob a vision of the promise which the holy and sovereign Lord of life had in store for him and his children, a vision of the power he was to trust, of the way he and his children were to walk in; and with the courage of faith he layed hold on that high destiny.

The ancient people of God treasured this story because they saw in this forefather the vision, the promise, the faith which was at the foundation of their one ongoing life.

But I would take you on a little further with the story. A few chapters later we read, "And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel—and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee." Then Jacob said unto his household, "Let us arise and go up to Bethel, and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went."

Jacob found himself summoned back to the place which spoke to him of the holy presence and power which overruled his life. And he returned there in reverent gratitude and in dedication to make an altar.

The concluding service of the Washington Pilgrimage of American Churchmen was in the Washington Cathedral on Sunday evening, September 30. This is the sermon preached by the Bishop of Washington on that occasion.

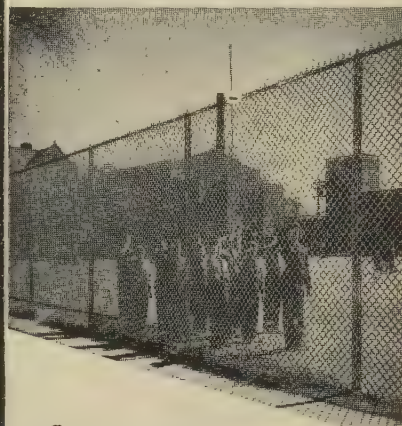
That old story is full of mystery. It's not easy to interpret. But it speaks to us of one of the simplest and most familiar facts about our human life. The places which are linked with the deepest and highest experiences in our own past are places to which we find ourselves called to return. That is true whether it be a place where something of great meaning for us happened or a place where we have marked and enshrined something of great meaning for us. And when we answer the call and return it is to bring an offering, to pay reverent homage, to regain our hold on that which was so high or dear; to rededicate ourselves to the presence or relationship or allegiance there enshrined.

There lies the center of that thing we call a "Pilgrimage." A pilgrimage is a return to a place which speaks to us of something high and deep and precious in our past, in the ongoing life of which we are a part. It is a journey of devotion. Its goal is to pay tribute, to find again a "presence" more readily realized at the place of memorial than elsewhere, in contemplative quiet to be layed hold of by a truth that had once possessed us, and so again to be the servants of that truth.

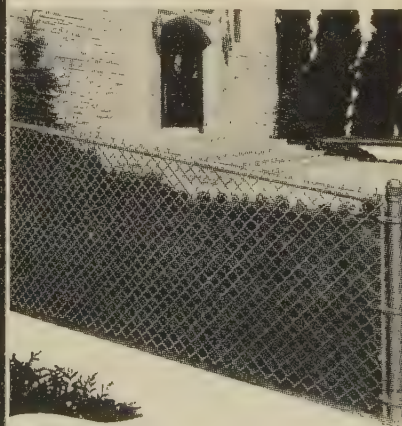
How many forms the common impulse takes in personal life, in families, among peoples and nations, among believers of a great faith! A woman on a certain day each year, year after year, travels a long way to visit the grave of a child who died in infancy; to bring flowers and to witness to her unforgetting love. A son pauses in recollection before his childhood home, occupied probably by strangers. The descendants of Pilgrim Fathers return to Plymouth Rock. Heirs of the American Revolution revisit the bridge at Concord, Frenchmen gather at the place of the Bastille. Yes, Russians gather by hundreds of thousands at the Tomb of Lenin. So in other days devout men

PAGE FENCE - Since 1883

• AMERICA'S FIRST WIRE FENCE •

Fence
MEN AT WORK

• Yes, Page Chain Link Fence works day and night as protector of church property, persons and privacy. Your property can have the good looking, long lasting Page Fence that meets your exact requirements, no matter what they may be. Write for our new booklet and detailed data on the varied styles and heights of fence and gates and on the choice of metals best for you. Then talk with the nearby Page Fence specialist. His is a long-experienced firm which knows local conditions affecting fence and will engineer and erect your fence expertly. May we send you his name and address and copy of booklet DH-142?



Protect Church and School
Grounds with Page Fence

Write to PAGE FENCE
ASSOCIATION in Monessen, Pa.,
Atlanta, Bridgeport, Chicago, Denver,
Detroit, Los Angeles, Philadelphia,
Pittsburgh, New York or San Francisco.

PRODUCT OF PAGE STEEL & WIRE DIVISION
OF AMERICAN CHAIN & CABLE COMPANY, INC.

*Right Reverend Angus Dun, Bishop of Washington.



Winterich's
 Custom Made Church Furnishings,
 Lighting, Stained Glass & Decorations

3700 EUCLID AVENUE
 CLEVELAND 15, OHIO

Your inquiries, no matter how small
 or large, are cordially solicited.

Three Generations of Service
 to the Church

journeyed far to the Tomb of Thomas Becket and to the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

With all the important differences among these many forms of pilgrimage there is a likeness among them. They are all in their way journeys of devotion, the returning of men to places which have the power to reawaken the faith they live by, the allegiance or affection in which their lives are rooted.

Man Is Incurably Religious

Many thoughtful people in recent years have been realizing in a new way, that men are incurably religious, at least in this sense, that they seek for some object of devotion. They cannot go for long without a cause, a faith, a great hope—at the least some strong attachment to give direction and shape to their lives. The most powerful forces in history are companies of believing men. And in the long run people energized by a powerful faith and devotion will always push out of the way those who do not believe anything greatly.

Many have been rediscovering a truth known to men in other times, a truth that runs all through the Bible, that if men cannot have the true God, they will have an idol. They will deify or set up on a pedestal something less than God. What they set up in the place of God—that is in the ruling place—may be something high or something low. It may be Mammon or one's family or oneself, or one's race or one's nation. And, if it isn't one, it's the other.

It's commonplace to say that today we are confronted by a demonic religion, a demonic obsession, in the form of Communism. Near the center of it is a terrible faith in a millennium for the dispossessed to be brought in by violence. We're afraid of it, and we have reason to be. We are arming mightily to hold it at bay. And—speaking as a man and a citizen, I believe that is right. But we shall not overcome it by the energies fear can give us. We shall not overcome it by might alone. If within our might there are not at work the energies and the wisdom that can come alone from truer faith and a truer hope, we can neither save ourselves or our world.

There are frightened servants of Mammon who think this might be a good time to finance the churches to fight this threatening form of Godlessness so that Mammon might be served in peace.

Church Must Not Make Political Alliances

On the surface, there is considerable appeal in the idea that the churches might be mobilized to strengthen the weak political sinews of the traditionally Christian West.

But you who come here in the spirit of pilgrimage surely know that Christian faith and devotion cannot be financed from outside. Nor, at bottom, can Christian faith and devotion be mobilized by political leadership for political ends, however good.

Striking to a still deeper level, is this not true? The God who makes himself known to us in Scripture, the God who makes himself known to us supremely in Christ, cannot be purchased, cannot be bargained with, cannot be mobilized or used for our human purposes. He can only be trusted and loved and served. He promises life and blessing, but only to those who are ready to go through death and the letting go of much which they hold dear to come to that life and blessing.

You who come to Washington in the Pilgrimage of American Churchmen know surely that the foundation of the best in our good inheritance, the best in that inheritance for which George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson stood, for which the Supreme Court and the Declaration and the Constitution stand, are rooted beyond and beneath all these. You cannot understand the sources of the man of Mt. Vernon unless you look back of him to Mt. Sinai and a lofty moral dean under which all men stand. You cannot understand that brooding figure in the Lincoln Memorial unless you can look past him to a figure on Calvary.

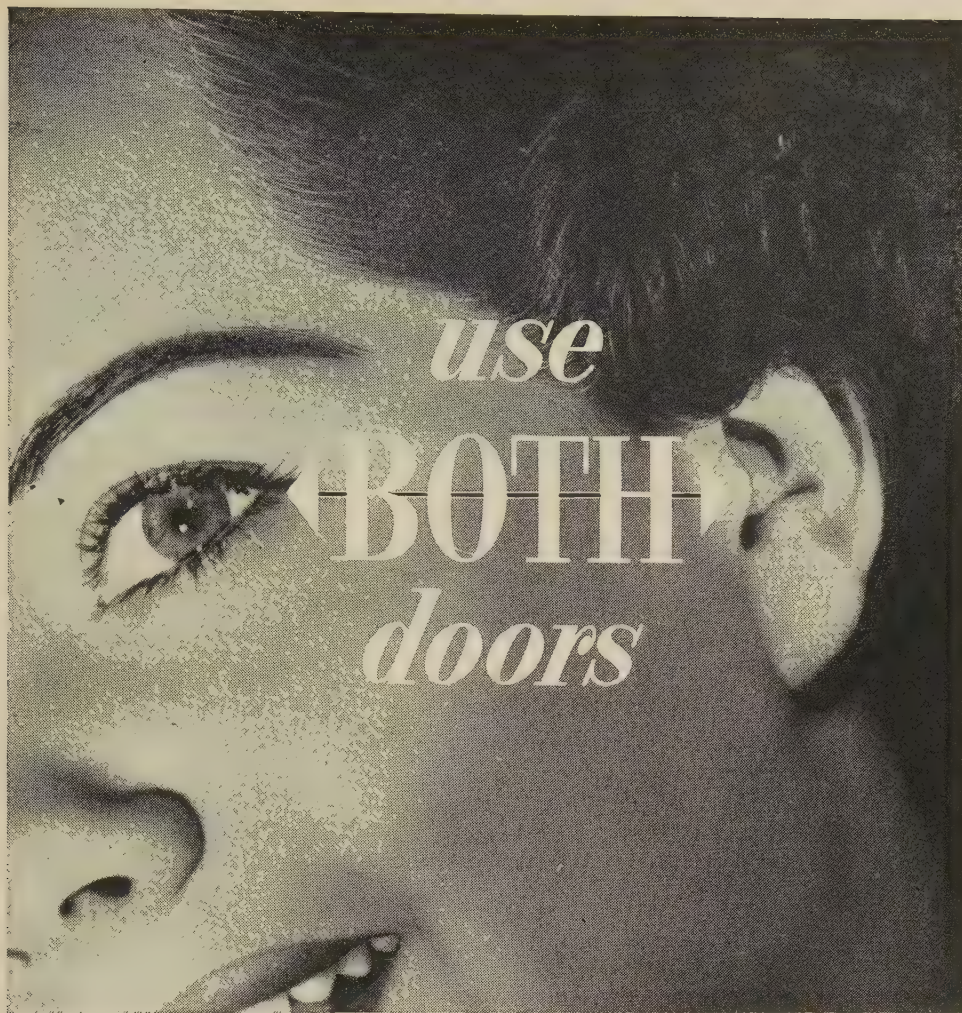
Behind the Constitution and the Declaration and the Bill of Rights and the Court set apart to guard ultimate things even in the face of legislative majorities, lies the faith of men in a birthright of manhood which belongs to men from God and which the state must acknowledge if it is to be just. Behind the system of checks and balances lies a solemn recognition that there is none without sin, no, not one, and that unbridled power can never be safely given to mortal man.

In other times when men went on pilgrimage they commonly carried a token home as evidence that they had indeed been to the shrine.

We have no visible token to give you. What we pray that you may take home and bear witness to is the mark of men who would bring this mighty and beloved nation under God because you have here again brought yourselves under God.

"And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God that appeared unto thee."

Patronize
CHURCH MANAGEMENT
 Advertisers



With movies it really sinks in!

When people see something demonstrated and *hear* it explained, they learn far more quickly... the knowledge stays with them! That's why movies make a point *sink in*.

Manufacturers find movies tremendously effective in technical training.

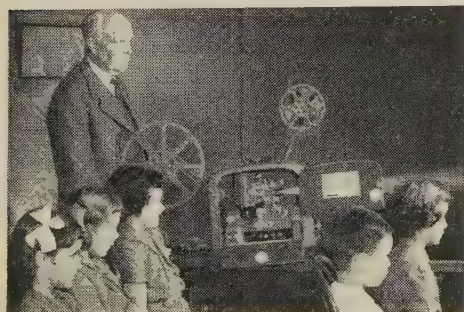
Business—Big and Small—uses movies for

every sort of selling and sales-training.

Schools use movies to teach and create interest in virtually every subject.

Religious organizations extend their messages of faith with movies.

At home movies bring selected entertainment and culture to the whole family.



"Movies have brought life and color into our Sunday School programs. . . ." says Rev. Stanley Armstrong Hunter, D.D., of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Berkeley, California.

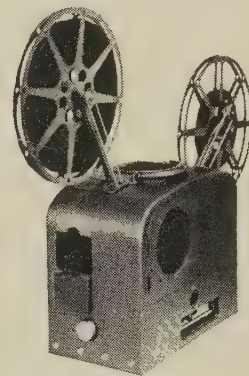


"Our Filmosound equipment has contributed greatly to our record of carrying more passengers than any other airline in the world," says Mr. James Dearborn, Director of Advertising, American Airlines.

First in sound projection... **Bell & Howell**

Since the very beginning, Bell & Howell has led the industry in equipment for showing 16mm sound films. Let Bell & Howell experience guide you in selecting the best projector for your needs.

You'll find the information and guidance offered below invaluable in mapping out a film program for your business or organization.



FILMOSOUND

16mm Single-Case Filmosound for either sound or silent film. Weighs only 35½ pounds. Full, natural sound at all volume levels. Precision-built to give *most* hours of projection time. With 6-inch built-in speaker, now only \$449.95. (Larger, separate speakers available.)

TEAR OFF AND MAIL TODAY

Bell & Howell
7168 McCormick Road, Chicago 45, Ill.

Please send complete information on the subjects checked: (x)

- ☐ Movies in Business and Industry
- ☐ Movies in Education
- ☐ Movies in Religion
- ☐ Movies in the Home
- ☐ Special Movie Information for Students

Name

Address

City Zone State

Note: If you will write us specifically regarding your problem we will include additional material pertinent to its solution.

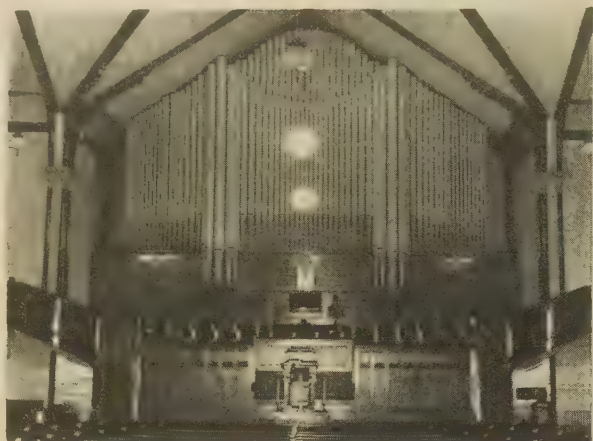
Prices subject to change without notice

Guaranteed for life. During life of the products, any defects in workmanship or materials will be remedied free (except transportation).

You buy for life
when you buy

Bell & Howell

Chicago
45



Before



After

THE METHODIST CHURCH, WOOSTER, OHIO

Design for Worship

This entire chancel remodeling project was done in one contract with MYERS BROTHERS, INC. The contract included construction, lighting, furniture, organ grills, painting and other services.

REMODELING

REFURNISHING

REDECORATING

MYERS BROTHERS, INC.
STEUBENVILLE, OHIO

Seasonal Prayers

by J. Richmond Morgan*

HARVEST

O God who hast promised us everything in due season; Thou God who waterest the earth and plantest the furrows thereof; who countest the stars in their courses, and holdest the islands in the hollow of Thy hands, regard us as in reverence and gratitude we kneel in adoration and thankfulness before Thee.

We know not where to begin to number Thy benefits, and beginning we would not know where to end.

On this day of rejoicing we raise our litany of gratitude and praise for all Thy care for us.

Open our eyes O Lord that we may see that goodness and mercy has followed us all the days of our life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRE-THANKSGIVING

O Lord our God, who guided our fathers in the distant past, and to whom we look for guidance and protection,

for ourselves and for our children in the mysterious future, with happy hearts and in reverent mood we gather in our shrine on the eve of our national festival of thanksgiving.

Unitedly we thank Thee for Thy unfailing care. We rejoice in Thy consistency, Thy dependability, and Thy assured abundance.

Teach us Good Father to trust Thee as nature trusts Thee and in that trust may we live in security and peace.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

O Thou whose goodness has set us in this glad estate of security and abundance, continue to us Thy favor as we follow the tradition of our fathers and meet for thanksgiving and praise. As we gather in this ancient shrine, surrounded by the spirits of our forebearers, may we feel the pressure of Thy presence, the attraction of Thy purpose and the impact of Thy power. In humble and reverent awe we bless Thee for the privilege of living in a

land so strangely blessed by Thy providence, and for our kinship with those whom Thou didst raise to guide our nation through its times of need.

We thank Thee for the gracious favor of an abundant harvest; for the memory of other Thanksgiving Days; for those whose name we bear, and for our quiet confidence in Thy unfailing goodness. To Thee we lift up our hearts and sing "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to show forth Thy praises O Most High." Amen.

THANKSGIVING

O Thou who hast promised us all things in due season, who openest Thy hand and satisfieth the needs of every living thing, our God Most Bountiful, by whose grace we come again to this season of rejoicing, help us that we may worthily offer unto Thee our solemn sacrifice of praise.

As we gather in Thy house, where there is bread enough and to spare, accept our thanks for all that we have received by Thy gracious disposing.

As Thou dost bless all those who gather in this our shrine, remember our scattered dear ones who, on this day of sacred memories, long for home and family and friends.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Minister, First Congregational Church, Peru, Illinois.

THANKSGIVING FOR ALL WHO HAVE HELPED THE WORLD

Eternal Father who art no respecter of persons; Who made of one flesh all men to dwell upon the earth; Who breathed the breath of life into man and gave him the will to dream of peace and brotherhood, regard us in Thy goodness as we raise to Thee our litany of adoration and praise. For all who helped to pave the way to freedom and left the world a better place for their presence; for the skill of doctors and the devotion of nurses; for the zeal of priests and the eloquence of prophets; for the faithfulness of pastors and the patience of teachers, the gracious ministry of womanhood, the strength of youth and the experience of the ages, we give Thee our hearty thanks. Amen.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Almighty God, who made all the ages to be the highway for the coming of Thy Son, our Lord and Master, prepare our hearts that we may rightfully receive Him as we reverently gather in this house that bears His name.

Especially would we desire Thee on this first Sabbath of another Advent season. By serious purpose and in devout spirit may we equip ourselves for the blessing of Thy companionship.

In the faith of Him who is the Saviour of mankind, lead us to the full appreciation of the approaching season which tells of possible peace on earth and good will toward men. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

UNIVERSAL BIBLE SUNDAY

O Thou who hast given Thy witness to every age, regard us as we meet to bless Thee that we live in the full-orbed light of the good news of Thy gospel. What prophets hoped and angels promised we here possess in Thy Most Holy Word. As once again in public worship we swear our allegiance to Thee, we offer Thee our thanks for Thy word which has been a lamp unto our feet and a guide to our path.

Remembering the sacrifices of our fathers we hold high the privilege of our open Bible and pray that we may faithfully follow its direction through life and into the glad surprises of eternity. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ADVENT

O God, our Promise of Deliverance and our only Hope of Peace, regard us in Thy fatherly compassion as we seek refuge in the shelter of Thy house. We meet to thank Thee for again permitting us to approach the happiness and

(Turn to page 51)



FOR THE CHURCH, THE RECTORY,
THE SCHOOL OR THE CHAPEL

Distinctive Pews

Communion
Tables

Altars

Pulpits

Reredos Panels

Wainscoting

Complete
Wood Interiors

All Types of
Architectural
Woodwork



By placing your architectural woodwork or intricate cabinet-work in the hands of Woodwork Corporation you make certain of receiving the beauty and dignity in wood that only the finest of craftsmen can create. Woodwork craftsmen will adhere to your architect's blueprints down to the last detail. The completed work will be delivered on the promised date. If necessary, it will be installed by Woodwork Corporation's own installation experts. This complete, responsible service has produced beautiful church interiors for more than two generations and has earned the respect and friendship of leading clergymen, architects and contractors.

SEND US YOUR
PLANS AND
SPECIFICATIONS
FOR PRICING,
OR HAVE YOUR
ARCHITECT
WRITE US



WOODWORK CORPORATION OF AMERICA
1427 West Twenty First Street, Chicago 8, Illinois
Serving Architects, Designers and Contractors for
Nearly Half a Century

SHERRIS



TRANSCRIPTIONS

The best
in transcribed
organ music

MARLEY R. SHERRIS
1910 Arthur Ave., N.Y. 57, N.Y.

Write for Complete List
331/3 LP 45-78 rpm

Nine to One

A Thanksgiving Sermon

by Eugene Dinsmore Dolloff*

And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.—Luke 17:17, 18

WHAT hopeless creatures those men were! Their lives were packed with utter despair. They were completely and continually ostracized from all other human society. Of course those ten men "stood far off," for they were—lepers!

Through no fault of their own they had become victims of the most loathsome, the most dreaded, and the most merciless disease known to man. Slowly but with appalling certainty their bodies were rotting away. For their sickness there was no cure. The only possible hope, which came grudgingly into their hearts, was that death might arrive soon. Until that day the agony of body, mind and heart would deepen unrelentingly.

But one day Jesus passed their way. In that moment they dared to hope that he could do the impossible—cure their leprosy! As a drowning man clutches at a straw they cried out in passionate unison, "Jesus, Master have mercy on us!" Only the Divine Mind could fathom the profundity of their plea. Of course the Master's compassionate heart was stirred! The mercy of the Lord is always extended to those in need. This dire situation could not prove an exception to the rule.

Jesus looked upon those sufferers! There was love and life in that look. "Go," he said, "show yourselves unto the priests." At least nine of the lepers knew the Mosaic Law, because of which this direction was extremely significant.

Instantly they started to do the Master's bidding, wondering, hoping, fearing. And "as they went they were cleansed!" Healed! Cleansed! The open, ugly sores disappeared from their bodies. The obnoxious odors vanished. Their skin became clean and healthy as that of other men. A mighty miracle had been wrought! The impossible had been achieved! Words were sadly inadequate to describe the transformation.

Surely they all hurried back to thank the Lord for his healing. Of course they ALL went quickly to his side. Not so! Just ONE felt constrained to

express his appreciation. Nine of the ten did not remember.

The ONE, a Samaritan—a foreigner, representative of people with whom the Jews refused to have any dealings—ran back to Jesus. He must reach his benefactor at the earliest possible moment—he ran! Falling on his face at the Master's feet he cried out—"Thank you, Lord!" He could say no more for his eyes were blinded with tears, his voice was crowded with sobs, his body convulsed with emotion—of gratitude. But, the Master knew! Our Heavenly Father always knows.

Then it was that Jesus asked that searching question, "Were not ten cleansed, but where are the nine?" Yes, there were ten. All were marvelously healed. One remembered to express his thanksgiving, nine forgot. What must have been the thoughts of the Master in that moment?

Never having been cleansed from leprosy it is impossible for any of us to thank God for such remarkable healing. This, however, must never be permitted to blind our vision to the fact that God has rendered wondrously great ministries in every life. His blessings are numberless, comparable to the stars in the skies and to the sands on the seashore. Let us give a limited bill of particulars of some of God's marvelous benefits.

I

Physical Blessings

These are new every morning and renewed every evening. Food, clothing, shelter, home—how fast and easily this list can be expanded. It will prove a wholesome practice for a person to count his blessings frequently, naming them one by one, that he can the better and more realistically appreciate the wonders of Divine Providence.

For most of us these blessings are always present. The grave danger is that we shall reach the place of such smug complacency as to take all these gifts for granted. One may well fear lest he succumb to the subtle temptation of reasoning that these blessings will be continued unbrokenly—of course they must continue! For this assumption there is no basis in fact.

With respect to food, clothing, shelter, and the like, shallow thinking deludes many of us into thinking that we earn these commodities, that we are

our own providers. Never should we forget that—"Every good and perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variableness, neither shadow cast by his turning." Fortunately we must "scratch" for our daily needs, but all our "scratching" would be in vain were it not for the all-wise provisions of our Heavenly Father.

Back of the loaf the snowy flour,
And back of the flour the mill,
And back of the mill and the wheat
and the flour
And the sun and the Father's will.

We do well to read and reread, frequently, the Master's gripping parable of the Unwise Farmer. God granted him a super-abundance of grain, vegetables and wine, so much that it was imperative that he tear down his barns and make others of greater capacity. This achieved he spake thus with himself, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry." That foolish man never gave God any part in his success, claiming that his wise planning, knowledge of agriculture, and manipulation of his servants had brought the fabulous increase.

The result was inevitable. God said to that man, "Thou fool, this night shall thy soul be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?"

Refusing to recognize the help of the Eternal and his matchless undergirding, Nebuchadnezzar walked amid the splendors of Babylon. His pride was strong, his egotism highly stimulated. Boastfully he asked, "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?" The sequel? "The same hour was...Nebuchadnezzar...driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws." Methinks it will be prudent for us to review the record of this ancient experience—often.

How many of us thank God regularly for our daily blessings? Before eating a meal how many of us pause long enough to say and mean, "Thank you, Lord?" Are we justified in the belief that one out of every ten do this? Is it yet a case of "nine to one?" By no means is this merely an academic question—it will actually search the reality of one's fellowship with God.

II

Our Personal Salvation

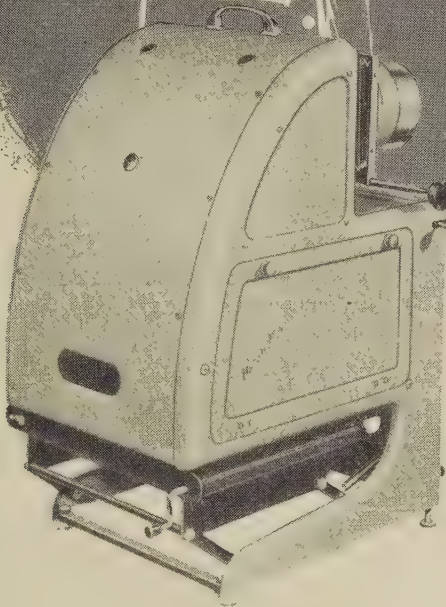
In every heart God has planted the passionate yearning for salvation—that blessed at-one-ment with God. For this achievement there can never

*Pastor, First Baptist Church, New Bedford, Massachusetts.

DON'T—Hide the Picture, or Squint into the Light, or Wield a Stick

BANISH THE POINTER

...use an arrow
of light



Old customs die hard. Many lecturers still seem to think they must stand before the screen and wave a wand.

That's outmoded... passé... inefficient, since Beseler put the POINTEX† PROJECTION POINTER on the VU-LYTE. Now the speaker stays behind the projector, views an undistorted picture just as the audience sees it, and points out details by a moving arrow of light. A convenient control knob at the front of the projector enables the speaker to direct the arrow anywhere on the screen just exactly where he wants it.

This patented POINTEX† PROJECTION POINTER is only one of many of VU-LYTE's novel features directly devised to meet the modern needs of visual education teachers and lecturers.

Because VU-LYTE is replete with tested innovations to make both lecturing and viewing easier, it is the unrivalled leader for opaque projection in schools, churches, clubs, and business.

1. YOU CAN use the VU-LYTE in a partially lighted room. Total darkness is not necessary in order to obtain clear, sharp images and brilliant colors—because VU-LYTE provides extra illumination.

2. YOU CAN feed mixed or continuous copy through smoothly, without light flashes, by means of the Beseler FEED-O-MATIC*

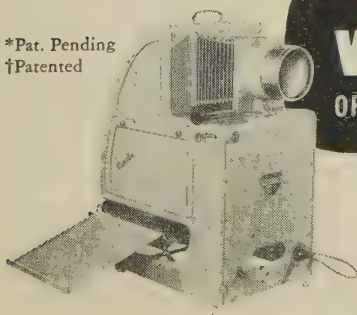
METAL BELT CONVEYOR. As new copy is fed in at the left side of the projector, preceding copy is ejected from the right side.

3. YOU CAN use copy "as is"—without mounting or inserting into any special holding device. The unique Beseler VACUMATIC* PLATEN holds all copy absolutely flat during projection. A full 8½ x 11 page letter or a postage stamp can be projected with equal ease, without curl or flutter.

4. YOU CAN use VU-LYTE on an uneven surface—project on small or large screens. In addition, VU-LYTE is an amazingly quiet and cool-operating opaque projector.

These advanced, exclusive features, plus others, are incorporated in a projector that weighs only 35 lbs. and is REDUCED IN PRICE. Ask for free demonstration of the precision-built VU-LYTE in your own projection room. And for more information regarding this truly new concept in opaque projection, ask for booklet CM.

*Pat. Pending
†Patented



THE NEW
VU-LYTE
OPAQUE PROJECTOR

CHARLES *Beseler* COMPANY
EST. 1869

60 Badger Avenue, Newark 8, N. J.
The World's Largest Manufacturer of Opaque Projection Equipment

'Philadelphia' CHURCH CARPETS:

A Sound Investment

Wearing qualities are exceptional, styling is appropriate and costs are moderate. Figured Wilton and plain and Moresque velvet carpets, woven by a mill with a 105-year-old tradition of quality.

** Write for name and address of our dealer nearest you. He will submit samples and prices without obligation.*

PHILADELPHIA CARPET CO.

Allegheny Ave. & C St.
Philadelphia 34, Pa.

QUICKLY FOLDS OR UNFOLDS

for changing ROOM USES

Mitchell
FOLD-O-LEG
tables



MORE seating capacity
MORE leg comfort
MORE exclusive features
MORE strength and rigidity
MORE for your money

Churches, schools, hotels,
institutions, fraternal
buildings . . . convert
any room into a ban-
quet or group activity
room. Clear it in minutes.

Send for folder with complete specifications.

MITCHELL MANUFACTURING COMPANY

2724 S. 34th St., Milwaukee 7, Wis.

THE STRONGEST, HANDIEST FOLDING TABLE MADE!

be a substitute. Augustine was correct in his observation that no man can secure peace of mind until he finds it in the bosom of the Infinite. This has been the imperative search of mankind all down the centuries. One can as easily fill up Yosemite Valley with a pebble as to satisfy the heart of man with less than God. That which was made yearns for its Maker; that which was created cries out by day and by night for its Creator. "As the hart panteth after the water-brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God!" The Psalmist's heart hunger is common to man over all the numberless ages.

None can question the validity of these declarations. Silent but eloquent is the witness of all the myriads of altars and varied sacrificial systems of humanity. Countless efforts and plans have been proposed and utilized to gain this supremely desired objective. Men have cast themselves on beds of jagged spikes, thinking thereby to find God. Others have slowly, painfully measured their way, body-length at a time, across burning deserts and snow-capped mountains. Only God will know the number of innocent babies who have been cast into the muddy, disease-infested Ganges by dark-skinned mothers, mothers who loved their children with all the devotion and consecration of American mothers. No sacrifice has been reckoned too great or too expensive by means of which the heart could be at peace with God.

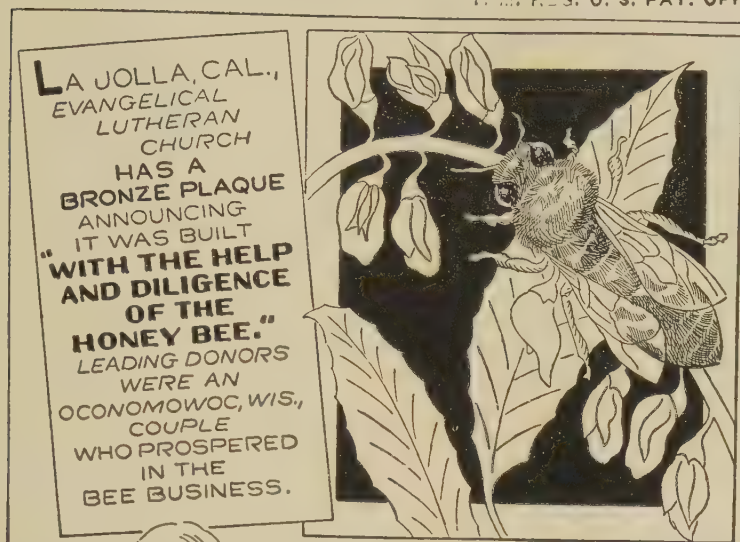
A man dreamed that he had made a ladder on earth upon which some day he could climb to heaven. Every time he rendered a noble deed, or spoke a kindly word, he was confident his ladder reached new heights, until by and by it must touch the Glory Land. He died. Up the ladder he went in triumph. But upon reaching the top he heard a voice, an authoritative voice, saying, "He that climbeth up some other way is a thief and a liar." Suddenly the ladder collapsed, and the man came crushing to earth. Then he awoke, but that dream had taught him a vitally needed lesson.

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." To this witness from the Acts we add the word of John, "Jesus saith unto him, 'I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.'" Nor should we fail to include the testimony of Paul, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."

No man will ever forget the moment when his soul came into loving, intimate, blessed fellowship with God. That was a miracle, a transformation — life

RELIGIOUS REMARKABLES - - - By Scheel

T. M. REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.



was transfigured. Theological terminology will and must vary, but the eternally blessed fact of the At-one-ment with God can not, will not be altered in the least. When a soul has met the Saviour "face to face" he can and will say and sing:

Saved — by His power divine,
 Saved — to new life sublime!
 Life now is sweet and my joy is complete,
 For I'm Saved, Saved, SAVED!

How many devotees of Christ thank the Heavenly Father for their redemption? How many fail to express their appreciation? Do you take time out frequently to say with absolute sincerity:

Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul,
 Thank you, Lord, for making me whole;
 Thank you, Lord, for giving to me
 Thy great salvation so rich and free.

Were there not a legion healed from the leprosy of sin and self? Is it true that not more than one (out of every ten) takes time to "return thanks" for present and eternal salvation? Is history thus repeating itself?

III

Our Eternal Hope

Thanksgiving Day is a time pre-eminently for family emphasis. This was one of the major elements in the first observance by the Pilgrims. We think of the day as a time of family reunions, family feasts, family blessings. Multitudes of folks plan far in advance and often make special, even sacrificial effort, to "go home for Thanksgiving." This is a commendable practice. What a joy to "get back home."

Do you remember when you used to return to "the old home?" As if one can ever forget! Years have passed,

not a few, since I made an annual pilgrimage back to the old farm in New Hampshire for the observance of Thanksgiving. Sometimes the weather was unseasonably warm, in other instances it was cold with snow riding the cutting wind, but that was only an incidental. Weather never prevented our home-going. That wonderful blaze in the fireplace; the exquisite, pungent odors of culinary delicacies—as only mother could make; the joyous fellowship; the bountiful dinner, followed by popcorn and roasted nuts. Sometimes as we gaze in retrospect we wonder if even heaven can offer happiness and contentment superior to "Thanksgiving home on the farm."

Years have passed. Time exacts heavy toll. So many changes have come. How different is the family line-up now. Vacant are the chairs where so many of our loved ones used to sit. Yes, they are vacant here, but through the matchless grace and providence of God we know their places are NOT vacant in Heaven. Tears start easily, yet through their watery spray shines forth the multi-colored rainbow of God's wonderful, unalterable promises.

Dead? Did you say that? Never! "They are not dead, they are just away!" Gone to share that more intimate fellowship with God. Neither lost nor dead, but living more abundantly than earth ever makes possible. The sun drops in glorious splendor into and beyond the cradle of yonder western hills. Someone exclaims, "It's gone!" To which another confidently asks, "Gone where?" The sun may be far beyond the ability of our physical eyes to see, but we know it continues to shine in all its marvelous effulgence. At the wharf we bid "bon voyage" to

STOP VANDALISM

with beautiful, sturdy
Anchor Fence

For day and night protection against cowardly vandals, sneak thieves, trespassers, and other undesirables, guard your church and grounds with tough, durable Anchor Chain Link Fence. Several exclusive Anchor features are responsible for Anchor's widespread use in protecting churches, cemeteries, rectories, convents and schools. Deep-driven Anchors hold the fence squarely erect and in line in any soil or weather, yet permit easy relocation at any time. Square Frame Gates will not sag or warp. Square Terminal Posts and H-Beam Line Posts increase strength, durability and appearance.

Send for Free Catalog

Your copy of Anchor's Chain Link Fence Catalog is waiting for you. Just write ANCHOR POST FENCE COMPANY, 6642 Eastern Ave., Baltimore 24, Maryland. Ask for Catalog No. 120. Then let us send an Anchor Engineer to help you work out the fence plan that will be best for your needs.



Anchor Fence

Nation-wide Sales
 and Erecting Service

Vestments

Morehouse-Gorham

New York
14 E. 41st Street

Chicago
29 E. Madison Street



CHOIR CASSOCKS ACOLYTES' CASSOCKS

Round Yoke Cottas
Square Yoke Cottas
Organists' Surplices
Choir Caps, Collars,
Ties

CHOIR CASSOCKS (Poplin Only)

Up to chest—28" and length—46"	\$11.00
Up to chest—32" and length—52"	13.00
Up to chest—36" and length—56"	14.50
Up to chest—40" and length—60"	15.50
Up to chest—42" and length—60"	16.50
Above 42"x60" additional charge.	

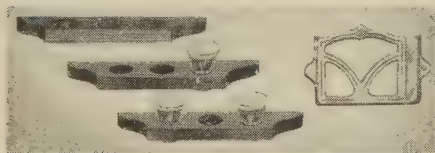
Acolytes' Cassocks in red or purple at same prices as listed for Choir Cassocks.

COTTAS

Made either from Broadcloth—sanforized, very high count, or Mern Rayon—unusually lustrous, less wrinkling cloth.

Length	Plain Round Yoke	Gathered Round Yoke	Gathered Square Yoke
16" to 20".....	\$4.50	\$5.25	\$6.25
22" to 26".....	5.50	6.25	7.25
28" to 32".....	6.25	7.00	8.00
34" to 36".....	7.00	8.00	9.00

Appointments for Convenience



THESE beautifully designed pieces fasten securely to back of pew, put essentials within easy reach.

WOODEN PEW HOLDERS

For communion glasses. Sturdily constructed, carefully finished. Size, 6 $\frac{7}{8}$ " x 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ " x $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

No. 4—Oak Holders.....	\$25.00
No. 5—Oak, felt cushions.....	30.00
No. 8W—Walnut Holders.....	30.00
No. 9W—Walnut, felt cushions.....	35.00
No. 8M—Mahogany Holders.....	30.00
No. 9M—Mahogany, felt cushions.....	35.00

All Prices Per Hundred

METAL ENVELOPE HOLDER

Combination envelope-pencil holder. Black and gold polychrome, lightweight metal. Size, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

No. 10—Per Hundred.....	\$30.00
-------------------------	---------

At Your Church Bookstore or

THE JUDSON PRESS
1703 Chestnut St. — Philadelphia 3, Pa.

a dear one or friend. Slowly the great liner swings down the harbor and into the open sea. Soon the tiny speck is lost from view. "She's gone," someone observes. Yes, beyond the reach of our physical vision, but out in the watery expanse of the ocean she plows along triumphantly. Yes, in a sense our loved ones are "gone," but only into a greater and a more amazing triumph than this life can ever afford.

What a wonderful hope! What an anchor for the soul! Unseen now by mortal eyes they yet live as never before. Leaving the cramped vestibule of earthly life they have been ushered into the great living-room of and with God.

I cannot think of them as dead
Who walk with me no more;
Along the path of life I tread,
They have but gone before.

Mine are they by an ownership
Nor time nor death can free;
For God hath given to Love to keep
Its own eternally.

How long since you paused before the throne of grace to say, "Thank you, Lord. Thank you for the hope and faith that tells me, that reassures me, that my dear ones are not dead, but just away with Thee?" Is this another instance of nine to one?

The time will come when I too must "go the way of all the earth." Every day brings me nearer to that great experience which unwisely we are prone to call "Death." The hour will arrive, not long hence for even the youngest, when the sands will give way beneath our feet, when the finest of doctors and surgeons will say, "We can do no more." Loved ones will resist our going, but all in vain will their efforts prove, for the unseen force is always victorious. Nothing, no one, can stay our going.

If in that hour a man has not faith in the power of God's grace to grant the heritage of immortality, then of all men he is, must be the most miserable. But with Paul it is given each one to say, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." And this is possible because our Master said and continues to say, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." Believers are bound up in the bundle of life with Christ. Because he lives we shall live also. That is the divine promise. God never violates his word.

And so beside the Silent Sea
I wait the muffled oar;
No harm from him can come to me
On ocean or on shore.

I know not where His islands lift

Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care.

Few of us yearn for the day of the great transition to dawn. We love life here. There are so many wonderful things and blessed experiences in this life. But, marvelous beyond words is the confidence, utterly unalterable, that when that moment comes the believer can say with the Psalmist, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." In our Risen Lord victory is positive over death and the grave.

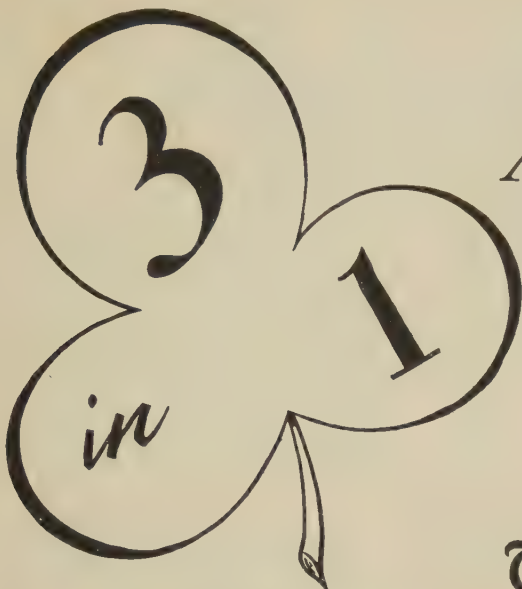
How long has it been since you remembered to thank God for this limitless mercy? You believe in life everlasting? Of course. You are confident this life is not all? To be sure. But, have you, have I taken time out recently to say, "Thank you, God, for the hope which I possess in the reality of my very own personal immortality?" What percentage of the devotees of Christ do this? Is this another case of nine to one?

From the Dead Letter Office in Washington comes the report that while hundreds, even thousands of letters are received every year from children asking Santa Claus for gifts at Christmas, seldom if ever does a letter come after Christmas thanking Santa Claus for presents received. How significant! But, we casually dismiss this, saying, "Well, the children quickly forget."

What is the case with adults? One day a life-guard, who had saved many lives while stationed at a busy and popular beach, was asked how many persons whose lives he had saved, ever came back to thank him. "One," was the immediate and decisive answer. How strange! Are we in danger of losing the fine art of appreciation?

Who can number the blessings, benefits and benedictions which he has received from the bountiful hands of God? Should we count our blessings we certainly would secure a clearer knowledge of what God has done and is constantly doing for us. But, on the other hand, is it not true that we have seldom thanked him for these mercies? What a Thanksgiving challenge this presents to you and to me!

Wisdom dictates that each one of us speak to his very heart now, saying, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name." Would to God that we might begin now to emulate the example of that unnamed Samaritan of olden day who, cleansed of leprosy by the Great Physician, hurried back to say with passionate earnestness and devotion, "Thank you, Lord."



A "Trinity" for Worship

Here are three books in one: (1) A Church Hymnal of unsurpassed quality and scope, (2) A song book rich in evangelistic numbers, (3) A wealth of liturgical material—40 pages of Scripture readings.

Test this incomparable value—mail coupon today.

The SERVICE HYMNAL



For Worship Services



For Sunday Schools



For Conferences,
Chapel and Rallies

See for yourself how QUALITY rings and echoes from every page, every feature. True to its name, "The Service Hymnal" meets the demands of the hour for ALL purposes. With this complete service book you need no other, for Choir, Sunday School, Young People, Mid-week Services, or any other use. First classified hymnal to be fully orchestrated. First American Hymnal featuring descants for Choir and congregation—117 arrangements. Popular with churches of 27 denominations. Make no commitments until you see its superlative beauty and worth—Three Books in One.

Write **FREE** Sample
Now for Copy



● The SERVICE HYMNAL gives you the Most for your Money. Has that EXTRA value which distinguishes a superior product. Your church will be proud to use it. Still has the unique advantages of tarnish-proof gold stamped binding, lacquered for long wear. 510 musical numbers, 67 Scripture readings. Price only \$110 a 100, not prepaid.

Gentlemen:

We need new hymnals in our church. Will you please send a free sample of "The SERVICE HYMNAL" for our consideration.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____

I am ☐ Pastor; ☐ Supt.; or _____

Church and Denom. _____ Total Membership _____

We expect to buy new hymnals (approx. date) _____

Pastor _____ Address _____

HOPE Publishing Company

5709-T1 West Lake Street

Chicago 44, Illinois

Fill out coupon above and mail to:

HOPE PUBLISHING COMPANY 5709-T1 West Lake Street, Chicago 44, Illinois

POPULAR PRICED CHURCH LIGHTING EQUIPMENT

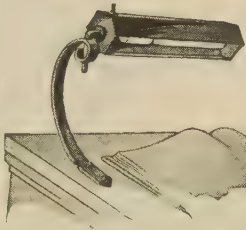


No. 509

Suggestions and recommendations based on 47 years of experience and knowledge submitted without obligation.



No. 590



No. 560

Send for free folder today!

VOIGT COMPANY

Church Lighting Specialists

1649 No. Broad St.

Philadelphia 22, Pa.

INDIVIDUALIZE YOUR CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

151
DEC 30 1951

St. John's Episc. Cathedral Church
STURGEVILLE, OHIO
MY WEEKLY OFFERING

For Current Expenses	\$ _____
For Reservations	\$ _____
For Building Fund	\$ _____

(Please designate account for each fund)

Name _____

*Place the first day of the week for every one of you by the 1st of the month on the back of this envelope. — J. C. 1948

One-Half Actual Size

Pride in the local church is one of the greatest incentives to liberal giving.

Let us tell you how an attractive picture of your own church can be imprinted on your offering envelopes. It will improve their appearance and build church loyalty. Cost is no greater than the older types of envelopes.

ASK FOR FULL PARTICULARS

NATIONAL CHURCH SUPPLY COMPANY

Chester, West Virginia

Productive Pastures

by Hobart D. McKeehan

SERMON STARTERS

Star of Bethlehem

IF WE were strict in our interpretation of it, only Jews would celebrate Christmas Day. Shepherd folk, plying the trade of the twelve patriarchs and of King David, received an angelic message which promised peace (that is, security) to men God loved (that is, to Israel), tidings to them, and to all the chosen people; "to all people" is an inexcusable mistranslation. The Savior, the Christ to whose coming they looked forward, was to be a national Savior, a Davidic Ruler. They asked for no more.

Epiphany, that follows so confusingly on the heels of Christmas, is really a celebration of the same event. But God forbid that we should regard it as a distinction without a difference; this is where we poor miserable Gentiles come in. The word means what our ancestors called a manifestation, and we call a show-down.

Heaven, for once, shows its hand: the divine purpose that is at work all the time behind the scenes of history gives itself away, as if by a faulty stage effect, and the light of eternity shines through. It is used, sometimes, of our Lord's Second Coming, sometimes of his First; in the second chapter of Titus you will find it applied to both. But it is in the first chapter of Second Timothy that you must look for the *locus classicus*: "It was not because of anything we had done; we owe it to his own design. * * * Now it has come to light, since our Saviour Jesus Christ came to enlighten us." Not because of anything we had done, sacrifice offered or Sabbath kept; it was for us Gentiles too. The glorious gift of salvation made at Bethlehem proved, when the wrappings of it were unwound, more glorious than we had dared to hope. We scanned the stars in search of omens and such-like fooleries; and for once a real message came through.

That mystery which St. Paul revealed, that message which St. Paul preached, the emancipation of the Gentiles, has lost something of its thrill for us. We take it for granted now, that the Gospel is meant for all mankind; obviously, why shouldn't it be? And, as is the way with men who take things for granted, we forget to pinch ourselves and go on asserting it.

Even in our own lives, how fond we

are of making a little enclave, a little Bethlehem that just has head-room for our set, and leaving the rest of the world unshepherded! But Epiphany signals to us that all men have rights, have duties, are dear to Christ. We have seen his star, and our sympathies must be no narrower than his planet.—Ronald Knox in *Stimuli*; Sheed and Ward

The Gospel of Bethlehem

The incarnation of Christ is the breaking-in of God into time. This redemptive approach to the world's life, which is time's central fact, must needs determine and interpret time's significance. To the world in its present turbulent condition, Christmas, as it did in wartime, presents a tremendous challenge, the greater the contrast of its serene assurances with man's confusion, the more the meaning of Bethlehem is deepened and heightened. In multitudes it still awakens afresh the child-spirit, as it reveals their entanglements in secular sophistications to be as futile as they are fatal to peace and progress. Not by any accident of succession to earlier pagan festivals is Christmas the festival of childhood and home. It is this because it celebrates the love of God entering into the human situation by the low door of birth in a manger.

There is the historic fact of the incarnation. Those who regard the Bethlehem story as a highly idealized account of the birth of a great human sage and prophet, whose arrival in time piety has conceived in a mystic haze of myth and poetry, abolish alike the miracle and the mercy of its redemptive revelation. Many maintain that the first postulate of wisdom is to believe in nothing which exceeds the limits of formulated scientific knowledge; these can welcome Christmas only as enshrining a religious idea of undeniable beauty, and will resolutely refuse to accept it as the commemoration of an actual event in time. An embodiment of sublime hopes and aspirations it certainly is; but its claim to be regarded as a historic revelation forces at once the question: Is it real? Did it happen? The Christmas Gospel—in the language of a destructive critical distinction, as fine as if spider-woven and as sharp as glass—is by some alleged to be true in idea but un-

(Turn to page 52)

Thomas Jefferson

(From page 35)

Jefferson was too optimistic about human nature; that he was naive and superficial in his doctrine of man. But he knew perfectly well the weaknesses of human nature for he, himself, was at times the victim of vilification and the object of men's baser manifestations. He made bold to say, "I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against any form of tyranny over the mind of man." Only free minds can make a free world, and the only kind of freedom that is real freedom is that which man possesses not by personal attainment but within his nature as the gift of the Creator.

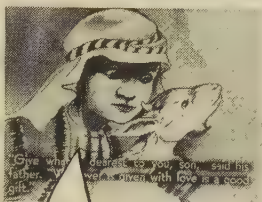
The immortal document in which this man has expressed for all time our American faith, emerges at a pinnacle in the progressive emancipations of the mind and spirit of man. The core of our tradition and the heart of our national life is a spiritual reality. Although many streams came together at the confluence of time on July 4, 1776, the most significant was the light of the Protestant Reformation. God, in the most real sense, was the heritage of our founding fathers. Apart from faith in God, our origin and our history has no meaning. From the beginning, until yesterday's prayers in Congress, our national life has been undergirded by this faith. In this faith our institutions were created, our culture promoted, our philanthropic endeavors initiated, our liberties secured, and freedom for men everywhere fostered. Men accustomed to freedom in their personal approach to God insisted upon freedom in the public expression of their ideas and the ordering of their lives. Jefferson was not conventional or orthodox in his Christianity. He called himself a "Unitarian." Like Franklin, he was a Deist, but he had a deeper spiritual experience of the reality of God in life. He thus could say, on behalf of men of his day, nurtured in the spirit of freedom, what they believed basically about God and human dignity. Men could only be trusted with their own and other men's destinies and be truly free men, so long as they lived in obedience to a higher authority—the authority of God. Men who are obedient to God and who are submissive to his sovereign will are less in need of the laws of man and are more likely to be obedient to whatever laws are needed. The soul of man can best be free when captive only to God, himself.

"How long do you think the American Republic will endure?" Guizot asked James Lowell. And Lowell replied, "So long as the ideas of the founding fathers continue to be dominant." It is well



FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS—

new meaning and beauty
with SVE color filmstrips and slides



THE LITTLEST SHEPHERD'S GIFT

This touching and inspiring story of the real meaning of sacrifice is told in charming, original illustrations. The young in heart of all ages are delighted by the story of the little shepherd, his lame lamb and the Christ Child.

□ **A850-1** In color, 28 frames, captioned . . . \$500

NEW

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

A filmstrip of beautiful paintings in color presents in an impressive and inspiring way "The First Christmas" as recorded in Matthew and Luke. To round out the program, Christmas hymns open and close the filmstrip. Produced by Visual Education, Ltd., London, for upper age groups and adults.

□ **Z708-1** In color, 45 frames, with manual \$650



THE NATIVITY STORY IN ART

Eight famous pictures capture the ageless beauty of the Nativity in this set of color slides. An illustrated booklet with interpretations by Reverend Howard Ellis accompanies the set.

□ **S7R** In color, 8 slides in Ready-Mounts, with guide \$400

Order from your S.V.E. dealer. Ask for the complete folder of S.V.E. Christmas filmstrips and slidesets. Dept. SR-7-3

SOCIETY FOR VISUAL EDUCATION, INC.

A Business Corporation

1345 DIVERSEY PARKWAY, CHICAGO 14, ILLINOIS



for us then to have this pilgrimage and to linger before this Memorial; to turn again with an inward appreciation of the spiritual reality at the center of our life. For the truth of the matter is you only have our kind of democracy where a substantial proportion of people believe in and act under faith in God as the Sovereign Lord of Life. Said Jefferson, "I am ready to say to every human being, 'Thou art my brother.'" In the end all men must come to that. Only brotherhood, a brotherhood acknowledged because God, the Father, is Lord of Life; only brotherhood, believed in and acted upon can make the kind of world God intended.

Seasonal Prayers

(From page 43)

responsibility of another Christmas Season.

As our tribute to the Prince of Peace we offer our deep repentance for our personal and our social sins and pray that as a token of our acceptance with Thee we may know the miracle of Thy forgiveness.

Speedily restore to the world the gifts of brotherhood and peace, and may envy, malice and ill will make room for charity, faith and understanding. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Heavenly Music FOR THE SMALL CHURCH

The distinctive skills that are Estey have been responsible, for more than 100 years, in bringing to churches and chapels inspiring music of worship and devotion. Whatever the model, an Estey Organ is a tonal masterpiece—and there is a reed organ to fit your special needs, from the practical, low-cost, portable **FOLDING** and **JUNIOR**, to the superb **SYMPHONIC** or **CATHEDRAL**. Priced from \$175 to \$1075, plus tax and freight. Organ committees are invited to write for details and free illustrated folder. Consult us too for built-to-plan Pipe Organs.



ESTEY ORGAN CORPORATION

46 Birge Street

BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT



"The Vogue of the Vague" never ceases to cause wonder. That which cannot be understood acquires, for some, a special virtue. George Ades' fable comes to mind in which he tells of a minister who felt he needed a larger salary. So he preached a sermon replete with unintelligible words. Immediately an awed congregation raised his stipend.

Belief gets confused with credulity when it is assumed that one must believe what he cannot see clearly at once, but which a little effort would make plain. Faith in what cannot be seen is reasonable. Acceptance without examination of ideas that can be understood is something else. So it goes in matters financial. Mystery appeals where clarity fails. A glamorous prospectus with vague promises and pretty pictures moves the unwary investor when cold facts fail to impress. A fat bank account decreases rapidly when the hazy mind yields to the lure of the mysterious.

The Fund thinks otherwise. It believes firmly that there are no mysteries in insurance which cannot be made plain. Since it deals with bright clergymen, and their even brighter wives, it takes pains to explain its contracts. A confused buyer will never develop into a satisfied customer. Clarity never fails while mysteries will vanish away.

Questions of all kinds are encouraged. Inquiries will be answered promptly and clearly. Ask and the information will be yours—and that right early!

Cut out the blank. Mail it today!

THE PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS' FUND

Main Office, 1805 Walnut Street
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

(7 branch offices from coast to coast)
An Interdenominational Life Insurance
Company for All Protestant Ministers

ALEXANDER MACKIE, President

Please send me information about:

- ☐ Protection ☐ Retirement Income
☐ Family Income ☐ Juvenile Insurance

Name

Address

City..... Zone..... State.....

Date of Birth

"More than a Business—
an Institution"

Productive Pastures

(From page 50)

true in fact, and the historical process appears to be an impossible obstacle to the supernatural coming of God to earth in the birth of Jesus, which nearly sixty generations of Christian believers have greeted and received with faith and thanksgiving.

When humanity is threatened with cosmic dangers, as it is now, the historic gospel comes into its own. * * * Not always will there be "no room in the inn" for the world's Redeemer; and he who alone holds keys to unlock the closed doors of peace and to release the fettered feet of progress cannot always be crowded out and rendered impotent by intellectual prejudice, blind pride, and earth-bound preoccupation. Looking back upon the period of unrest and upheaval succeeding the First World War, a contemporary described it as "a year of rootless-rebeginnings and steadily developing disillusionments." That is the fate of man "at the end of his tether," when he rejects the initiative of God for his deliverance. But to those who will listen Christmas renews its age-long promise, "to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death." The way to escape from that darkness, inward and outward, lies open. It is the way of submission to his rule who was born on earth to be its King and Savior, whose presence brings salvation, and in whose will is our peace.

POETIC WINDOWS

Love, Not Law

The light of love is round his feet,
His paths are never dim;
And he comes nigh to us, when we
Dare not come nigh to him.

Let us be simple with him, then,
Not backward, stiff, or cold,
As though our Bethlehem could be
What Sinai was of old.

—F. W. Faber

Herod and the Babe

Why art thou troubled, Herod? What
vain fear
Thy blood-revolving breast to rage
doth move?

Heaven's King, who doffs Himself weak
flesh to wear,

Comes not to rule in wrath, but serve
in love;

Nor would He this thy feared crown
from thee tear,

But give thee a better with Himself
above.

Poor jealousy! Why should He wish to
prey

Upon thy crown, Who gives His own
away?

—Crashaw in *Sospetto d' Herode*

Hope

So live as if this day would be the
last

To see the sun go down on yonder
shore;

As if the present, future and the past
Had all combined to still the ocean's
roar,
Had all decided, "There shall be no
more!"

No more of pain or sorrow, laughter,
joy;

No more of daytime and no more of
night;

No more of man or woman, girl or
boy;

No more of sacrifice, no more of blight.
If you can live this way you'll be all
right.

You'll do all right, as you walk the
earth,

You help your fellow, and enjoy the
view

And prove to him his own intrinsic
worth,

Nor make him feel that life is like the
dew

That sparkles for a while and then is
through.

And then is through? It was not
meant that way;

For life and death are mystical, a
blend

That only the Creator can assay
Who gave us hope that each departing
friend

Would find this the beginning, not
the end.

—John Jay Daly in *Think* magazine

Return to Oxford

When 'mid this glory I was young
I read my task and played my game,
Happy with ancient book and tongue
Warmed with the old and alien flame.

Greeks of the gleaming isles, I trod
Your ways of wisdom, sailed your
ships,
Apollo, Son of Light, my god,
Your songs of freedom on my lips.

None taught my dazzled eyes to view
The homely works of native men;
The pillar-majesty I knew
Of Pheidias, but not of Wren.

The blaze of autumn's oriflammes
On England's miracle of stone
Was just the workshop of exams,
Unloved, untasted, and unknown.

Now come I back, with eyes unseel'd
And beauty shines, where none had
shone.

I slake my heart by stream and field,
In Oxford meet my Parthenon.

SELECTED PROSE

I have always been led by a sense that the natural world is our tutor and redeemer, and that genius, even, is only an intelligence that works like nature.

I was led to the reflection, often repeated, as to whom in the fields of human love and to what enveloping arms, what lovely love, shall we turn? I knew St. Augustine's saying: "Our hearts are restless till they rest in Thee"; I had no conviction of Dante's "And His will is our peace"—*e la sua volontate e' nostra pace*—how much more profound

Save Money

on PARISH PAPERS

Our prices are much lower than other printers charge—at least 50% lower. This is due to the fact we specialize in this one line of work. We turn out publications on the “mass production” plan—at the same time giving you a magazine that is individual in appearance and contents. Even the smallest church can use our service. A few subscriptions or ads will pay all expenses. At least one-half of our 400 customers make a profit from every issue.

Read What Others Say

“Your service is better every year.”—*Rev. J. Murdock Palmer, Staten Island, N. Y.*

“We are well pleased with your art covers.”—*Mr. Crosby, Hartford, Mich.*

“The Church of God Hour News is another ‘Preacher’ in our radio and church ministry. Your service is wonderful!”—*Rev. J. D. Pitts, Louisville, Ky.*

“You did a splendid job on printing The Methodist. Have had hundreds of compliments.”—*Rev. W. Norman Vaughan, Mt. Gilead, N. C.*

“The National Religious Press does good work. We thank you for everything.”—*G. P. Gilbert, Corpus Christi, Tex.*

“The Mirror looks very good. We appreciate your excellent service.”—*Euclid Avenue Temple Men's Club, Cleveland, O.*

“Your work is the best.”—*E. W. Anglin, Junction City, Ore.*

“We were well pleased with the last issue of The Bethany Voice. Our people seem to be very happy about our parish paper.”—*Rev. Bertil Edquist, Chicago, Ill.*

“You have given excellent service during the past few months.”—*Rev. John Townley, Point Pleasant, N. J.*

“Your work always pleases me and the readers of New Age Herald.”—*Bishop Ryan, Oakland, Calif.*

“Your service and your syndicate pages are unexcelled. Your cooperation has been greatly appreciated.”—*First Liberal Psychic, Science Ch., Chicago, Ill.*

“Your service is very satisfactory.”—*Rev. Elmer J. Hostetter, Chardon, O.*

“The last issue of The Church Herald was exceptionally fine.”—*Rev. H. E. Hines, Marionville, Mo.*

INVESTIGATE AND THEN DECIDE

FOR SAMPLES, PRICES AND FULL PARTICULARS REGARDING OUR SERVICE AND THE HELPFUL SIXTEEN-PAGE ILLUSTRATED PARISH MANUAL CONTAINING DETAILED EXPLANATION OF PUBLISHING PROCEDURE, FILL OUT AND MAIL THE COUPON.

Do it NOW. No obligation, of course.

The National Religious Press
523 Ottawa Ave.
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

USE THIS COUPON

Please send The Parish Paper Manual, sample parish papers, and full particulars regarding your Standardized Service.

Name

Street

City.....

C. M. State.....



DECORATION

By the use of painting in simple ornament or elaborate themes with figures, walls are enriched and become the source of meditation. Rambusch decoration may be seen in these churches:

St. Augustine's Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.
(Designed and painted by Allan Crite)
Grace Church, Honesdale, Pa.
St. James Church, Chicago, Ill.
St. John's Church, Elizabeth, N. J.
St. Paul's Church, Flint, Mich.

RAMBUSCH 40 W. 13th St.
New York, N. Y.

Vestments AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE CLERGY



You'll prefer the extra quality that gives our vestments perfection for sacred service and long wear. Tailored to your individual needs to assure accurate fit from finest materials. Complete satisfaction guaranteed.

Write for CATALOG
and CLOTH SWATCHES

CHOIR VESTMENTS & ACCESSORIES



Embroidered Frontals • Superfrontals
Markers • Dossals • Fair Linens

Cuthbertson INC.

J. THEODORE
2013 SANSOM ST.

PHILADELPHIA 3, PENNSYLVANIA

Glamahr
FOLDING
TABLES & CHAIRS

MASONITE AND
PLASTIC TOPS



24" SQUARE UP TO
BANQUET SIZES

MANY SPECIAL FEATURES

LEG
UNITS
ALSO
SOLD

GLAMAHR PRODUCTS

827 GUNWOOD AVE., MINNEAPOLIS 5, MINN.

WRITE
FOR
CATALOG

and wonderful than the usual rendering: "In His will is our peace."

But I was too young except in some rapturous confusion, which by my instinct and my epoch I mistrusted, to accept all that with any fullness; and I was too sincere, with the intense, personal and callous sincerity of youth, to pretend to do so. Lines from the mystics and poets, which in fact often turned out to be my own lines, gathered in my mind—"Thou art my rest from care, Thou in the black night a light, and a crowd to me in lonely places. For Thou art my house, Thou all my hours of happiness."

These and many other passages came to me; but at the same time I found myself tortured by one recurring doubt: might it not be that I was nothing and only moved by the power and persuasion of great words? I tried to think not, and to remember Dante's saying that poetry is the loving use of wisdom.

But speaking, meanwhile, for the classic tradition and for the clear, lovely daylight of the classic thought and its avoidance of the murky, ethereal and turgid, I could put my small mind and timid wonder against the confused shadows of mystical desire. I did recall a line in Tibullus—"where no path may be trite with human feet," and could say to myself, where are the voices now, the songs and the pipes blowing upon the hills?

Thus I came into what was past my twentieth year, with all the security of young passionate thought and of the heart, strangely certain, warm, final and as strangely lost, vague and confused. I knew nothing well; I heard only the blood in my veins and the full urgency of the dreamed-of-world, but what I did not know I shall never know so well again. I recall to mind Leopardi's poem when he imagines the boundless spaces and immortal silences, where for a moment the heart is not afraid, and as he hears the wind he goes comparing that infinite silence to this voice in the trees, and remembers eternity and the dead seasons, and the reason that is present and living, and the sound of it—"e il suon di lei"—against the immensity of time and space, like a breath of wind. And it saddens and perplexes me to think that most of what was passionately or rich in hope at least may have been lost to me long since with the passage of the years, and that even the effort to return to what no longer exists may be only vain.—Stark Young in *The Pavilion*; Scribners Sons

BOOKISH BREVITIES

The first book to which I would call attention this month is, or should be,

a "must" for ministers of all communions. Few preachers of the English-speaking world have, in our generation, wielded an influence so wide and beneficent as has Canon W. H. Elliott who, in turn, has served as country town pastor, vicar of St. Michael's, Chester Square, Canon of St. Paul's and Chaplain to the King. To all this must be added that, as a regular contributor to the *Sunday Graphic* and other newspapers and broadcast preacher to one of the world's largest radio audiences, Canon Elliott has, over many years, enjoyed and blessed an audience of millions of men and women. And now, in semi-retirement, he gives us his autobiography—a wise and winsome book, at once sad and glad—entitled *Undiscovered Ends*. On the one hand the career of W. H. Elliott is one of brilliant success; on the other it is one of constant struggle against pain, poverty, and, as he so rightly points out, against the greatest enemy of the Christian church everywhere, namely, the pettiness of so many of its office-bearers, both in the pulpit and in the pew. In a sense, though on a much wider scale and, in greater detail concerning causes and personalities involved, *Undiscovered Ends* has a marked affinity to Frederick K. Stamm's *If This Be Religion* of which I wrote in the September issue. In a true sense *Undiscovered Ends* is an extraordinary success story, but it is not a success story after the fashion of the characters of Russell H. Conwell's classic *Acres of Diamonds*; rather is it after the fashion of the career of the Man of Galilee with his Gethsemane, Calvary, and Easter dawn. If the churches of our generation, whatever their names or signs, were to take the wisdom of this book seriously, there would ensue the most spiritually vital, valid, vigorous and valuable movement in religion since the sixteenth century (Peter Davies, Ltd., 38 Bedford Square, London, W.C.1, 12/6) * * * *One Hundred Years in Pictures*, edited by D. C. Sommerville, is a unique book. At any rate I know of nothing quite like it. Historical, informative, artistic, and—with every pleasure and pain involved—a book of unaging worth. This book presents a panorama of history in the making. Illustrated by the photographer's art, it tells the story of war, statesmanship, literature, exploration, scientific discovery and religion between the years 1851 and 1951. This book will be treasured for generations to come (Odhams Press, Long Acre, London; 12/6). * * * Lovers of rich academic traditions and, especially, readers who are interested in studying the roots of the conflict between the

Roman and the Evangelical churches, will find a store of revealing information in *A History of Trinity College, Dublin, 1591-1702*, by the brilliant and eloquent young scholar, the late Harold Lawson Murphy. In addition to giving us an authentic picture of one of the world's most distinguished colleges, the author provides candid portraits of, and a multitude of sidelights on, such men as Archbishop Ussher of Armaugh; Stearne, founder of the celebrated College of Physicians; the inimitable Dean Swift, and three of the great seventeenth-century dramatists—Congreve, Farquhar and Southerne. In addition to fact, there is a lot of wisdom and a lot of wit, much of it homiletically suggestive, in this book (Hodges, Figgis and Co., Ltd., 6 Dawson Street, Dublin; 15/—). * * * The interesting story of the life of a great actor, undoubtedly a man of genius and of commanding personality is to be found in *The Heart of a Man*, by Georges Simenon. The novel is expertly translated by Louise Verese. It deals with the latter and somewhat decadent years of a man who, at the peak of his career is told by his physician that, because of a serious heart ailment, his days are numbered. What does such a man do with his remaining days and hours? What goes on in the heart of a man such as M. Maugin? What does he think, plan, and do, when he must count his days and even his hours? This is, indeed, the story of the heart of a man. Nevertheless—and this is important—the novel's rather lurid descriptions of certain aspects of moral tuberculosis are not only irreverent, but quite irrelevant (Prentice-Hall, Inc., \$3). * * * What are, or should be, the best years of life? Are they the years of childhood, adolescence, maturity? Or are they the years of life's western piazza—from, let us say, fifty to ninety? A very distinguished physician, distinguished alike for his professional eminence and his spiritual humility, tells us that the best, the most creative and happy years of a man's or woman's life, should be those between forty and ninety. *The Better Half of Your Life* is not a re-hash of *Life Begins At Forty*; it is, rather, a matter-of-fact discussion of the creative abilities and possibilities of men and women who are somewhere between forty and ninety. Almost daily we ministers are called upon to advise and encourage the youth of our parishes and cities, but what advice and encouragement have we to offer to the aging and aged, of whom there is an ever-increasing number? For genuinely scientific and yet authentically spiritual

(Turn to page 58)

Eliminates Harmful

MOISTURE

from Pianos and Organs

ELECTRIC DAMPP-CHASER®

On sale at most piano and music stores.* If they or their technician* cannot supply you, simply send

\$6.95

each to the factory for immediate prepaid shipment. Specify if for grand piano!



- **ELIMINATES** sticking keys, sluggish actions and ciphers.
- **STOPS** mold, rust, corrosion and deterioration due to dampness.
- **EASY TO INSTALL**—fits all pianos and organ consoles. No attention is required at any time—just plug in and forget—gives continuous protection.
- **UNDERWRITERS' APPROVED.** DAMPP-CHASERS are absolutely safe. For use on AC or DC current—117 volts. (Also special 220 volt models.)
- **FIVE-YEAR FACTORY GUARANTEE** on every DAMPP-CHASER. Recommended and used everywhere by music dealers, technicians and musicians. DAMPP-CHASERS are standard factory equipment on some pianos and organs.

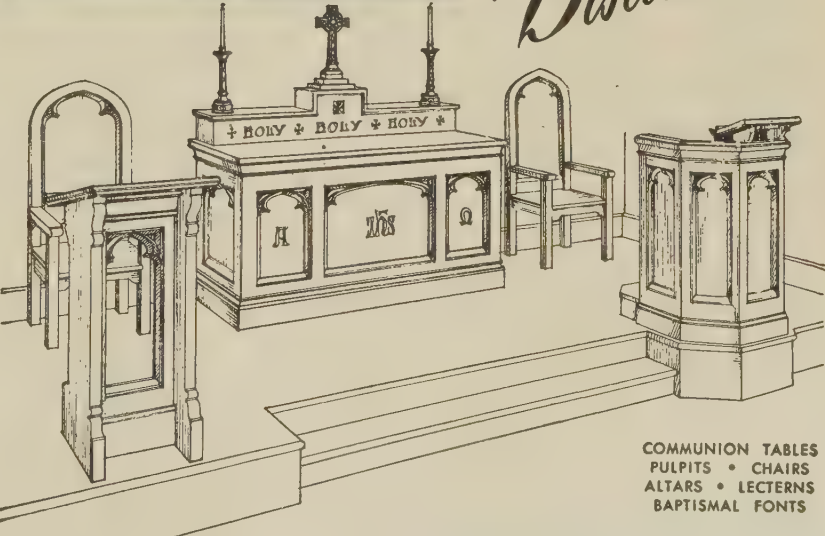
DAMPP-CHASER, INC.
P. O. BOX 520, HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.

*DEALERSHIPS OPEN TO STORES AND TECHNICIANS

PEWS, PULPIT AND CHANCEL FURNITURE

OF

Distinction



COMMUNION TABLES
PULPITS • CHAIRS
ALTARS • LECTERNS
BAPTISMAL FONTS

Gothic, Romanesque, Colonial, and Early American designs to harmonize with every edifice.

Send for Illustrated Catalog

Furniture for America's Churches Since 1897

J. P. REDINGTON & CO.
DEPT. B • SCRANTON 2, PENNA.

Bulletin Covers



Reproduction of Bulletin Cover
designed for —
LANE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH
Altavista, Virginia
W. Boyd Bryant, Pastor

That are impressive —
Covers that will be widely
distributed by your active
members and pridefully
handed by your Ushers to all
who enter your Church.

We take a photograph of
your Church which we litho-
graph on the cover — the
back page can have your di-
rectory or left blank. Ship-
ped flat — 8½ x 11 — for
local printing or duplicating
equipment.

If you use from seventy-five
per week and up they are
practical and the cost low.

For full information, samples
and prices write
Don K. Cowan.

SPALDING PUBLISHERS

754 E. 76th St. Chicago 19

PREPARE THE HEARTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Preaching In Advent

by William R. Buitendorp*

IT seems that each year the stores start earlier to remind us that Christmas will soon be here. Each year the shopper begins a little sooner to pick out cards and papers, toys and gifts. Christmas is on the minds of the people long before the beautiful season really comes.

Why should not the church seize upon this early Christmas-consciousness of the people and give more than one Sunday to the great story of the incarnation? We sometimes criticize the commercial world for taking such a holy day as Christmas and cheapening it with a glamorous campaign for profit. Maybe the church is at fault in not having done more to capture the interest and devotion of the people when their interests are already in the direction toward Bethlehem.

Lent is an important and stirring time in the church year. One reason is that the church has placed an added emphasis upon this season. We plan special meetings, we invite guest ministers, we use attractive literature to announce a series of interesting sermons. And, the people respond.

Why not do something like this for the Advent season, too? We have a great story to tell, and it should take more than one Sunday to tell it. The beautiful carols that the people love should be sung on many Sundays. The stirring music of Christmas should be shared for a whole season. Are we missing a deep spiritual opportunity for our people when the church leaves it up to the world to prepare the people for the coming of Christ? Should not that be the privilege and responsibility of the church?

The Advent season gives us a special time to center our preaching on Jesus Christ. During Lent we are apt to choose the theme of his suffering and death, and the victory of his resurrection. During Advent we have no less to preach about. We can tell of his coming into the world, why he came, and what his coming still means to the people and to the world. Thus when Christmas morning dawns there is ever hovering in the consciousness of the happy family the deeper joy of our Saviour's birth. Christmas means

more to them, because Christmas has been a season, and not just a day.

Why not guide people's thoughts toward Christmas as we do toward Easter? For instance, one might have a series of sermons entitled, Roads to Bethlehem, and have included such subjects as

The Highway of the Humble—Luke 2:15.

The Way of the Wise—Matthew 2:1, 2.

The Way of the Loving Heart—Luke 2:4, 5 (Christmas).

The Road Leads On—Matthew 2:12b.

Or, there is the theme, Unto Whom the Angels Came, when one has the opportunity to make a few character studies. These sermons are suggested:

The Ministry of Angels—Hebrew 1:14.

To Whom the Promise First Came—Luke 1:11.

Joseph, Her Husband—Matthew 1:19.

Mary, the Mother of Jesus — Luke 1:28 (Christmas).

Maybe you would like to spend all of Advent with just a single verse of Scripture. This can be done very well with Isaiah 9:6. The Advent theme could be A Name Above Every Name, and then a Sunday could be spent with each suggestion that "his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." There you have sermons for five Sundays, and interesting ones too.

Perhaps you would like to do some doctrinal preaching. Our people do need to know more about what they believe. What better time is there to preach on The Meaning of the Incarnation. This might be developed through the use of the following subjects:

God With Us—Matthew 1:23.

God in Us—John 1:14.

God for Us—Luke 2:11 (Christmas).

A New and Better Way—Matthew 2:12.

Also, one might take The First Great Songs of Christmas and acquaint the congregation with their interesting story. Preach about:

The Annunciation—Luke 1:26ff.

The Magnificat—Luke 1:46-56.

The Benedictus—Luke 1:79.

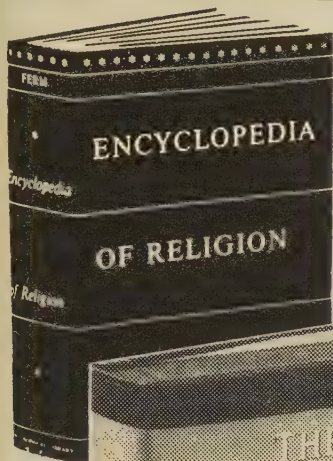
Gloria in Excelsis — Luke 2:14 (Christmas).

Nunc Dimittis—Luke 2:29-35.

You will also enjoy using the familiar Christmas carols as the source of

*Minister, The Reformed Church, Middleburgh New York.

FREE . . . to new members of the RELIGIOUS BOOK CLUB



This is yours — FREE **ENCYCLOPEDIA OF RELIGION**

Edited by Vergilius Ferm, Ph.D.

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF RELIGION, written by 190 scholars and edited by Vergilius Ferm, is a big book of 864 pages. It is the finest desk-size ready reference on religion in existence. Thousands have gladly paid ten dollars for the same handsomely bound, well-printed, and specially reinforced volume which is now offered to you without charge.

"Covers every religious faith . . . a book of surpassing value."—*Christian Advocate*
Regular price, \$10.00

◆ *Your first selection as a member . . .* **THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE**

Volume VII, Articles on the New Testament: Matthew: Mark

● Christendom's most comprehensive commentary—a working tool for the preacher and teacher. This first volume of **THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE** to be published includes fourteen outstanding articles on the New Testament, and the entire Gospels of Matthew and Mark as given in the text of two complete Bibles—the King James and the Revised Standard versions presented in parallel columns. Paragraph by paragraph it opens up what the writer meant, what his first readers understood, and the meaning and application for today of each particular passage. 944 pages, maps. \$8.75

ADVANTAGES OF MEMBERSHIP

AS A MEMBER YOU WILL RECEIVE A FREE BONUS BOOK with every fourth Club selection you accept. You will be able to take advantage of special prices on occasional Club selections. Furthermore, to insure that you will receive only books that will be of permanent value to you a "No Book" form is enclosed with your monthly Bulletin so that you can notify us whenever you do not want the current choice; and you may return any Club selection for full credit within ten days of receipt if not entirely satisfied.

PLUS . . . FREE MONTHLY BULLETINS FOR RELIGIOUS BOOK CLUB MEMBERS ONLY.

One of the most worthwhile advantages of membership in the Religious Book Club is your free-with-membership monthly Bulletin. Attractive, well-printed and easy to read, this special Bulletin gives you news and reviews of as many as forty of the new, current books of spiritual interest. It not only contains a full description of the coming month's selection, bonus books, and books with bonus credits, but also extensive reviews of all important new religious books and novels, poetry and general books which have particularly worthwhile spiritual or religious themes. For 23 years the RBC Bulletin has been recognized as one of the best sources of authoritative, up-to-the-minute information by librarians, ministers and students. Interesting and helpful, it is the only Bulletin that will keep you completely abreast of the latest and most important religious reading.

Start your membership with one of these books of permanent value:

PLEASE SEND ME AS MY FIRST SELECTION:

- | | |
|---|--------|
| ☐ THE INTERPRETER'S BIBLE—Volume VII | \$8.75 |
| ☐ THE LIFE WE PRIZE
by Elton Trueblood | 2.50 |
| ☐ PROTESTANT THOUGHT IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY
edited by Arnold Nash | 3.75 |
| ☐ CHRIST AND CULTURE
by H. Richard Niebuhr | 3.50 |
| ☐ GOD IN EDUCATION
by Henry Pitney Van Dusen | |
| and GO TELL THE PEOPLE
by Theodore Parker Ferris | |

Double selection—Combined price to members only
(regular price \$4.00) 3.75

CM-11

RELIGIOUS BOOK CLUB, 76 Ninth Avenue, New York 11, New York

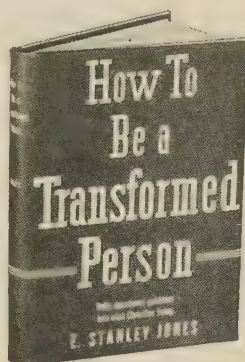
You may enroll me as a member for one year and send me my free copy of **ENCYCLOPEDIA OF RELIGION**, and the monthly RBC Bulletin. This will be shipped with my first selection checked above. Thereafter, I am to receive an additional **free** book as a bonus for every four Club selections I choose. I will let you know promptly whenever I do not want the monthly Club selection.

Mr. _____
Rev. _____
Mrs. _____
Miss _____
Street _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____

Let **E. STANLEY JONES** show **YOU**
How to Be a
Transformed Person

in his **NEW** book of Daily Devotional Readings



384 Pages

Pocket Size

Just \$1.50



AT YOUR BOOKSTORE

To Be Published November 26

Toward a new, mature, *transformed* life—
HOW TO BE A TRANSFORMED PERSON
 will help you

—Gain a new attitude of serenity, with
 roots that go down into ultimate Reality

—Release your mind from worry and dis-
 satisfaction, into peace and confidence

—Achieve radiant health in body, mind,
 will, and emotions

—Find the spiritual
 strength that will sus-
 tain you through all
 the storms of life.

Scripture, meditation,
 prayer, and affirmation
 for every day in the
 year—logical steps to
 transformed and effec-
 tive living!



Abingdon-Cokesbury

your homiletic material during Advent. This can be done in various ways. You could select one carol for the entire Advent season, using a stanza a Sunday for your sermon theme. Or, you could select a different carol for each Sunday. You may want to use the theme of the carol as the theme for your sermon. You may find that the various stanzas of the hymn give you a perfect sermon outline. The theme you announce may be Christmas Carols, and select such hymns as

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
 Silent Night, Holy Night
 O Little Town of Bethlehem.

Some of these carols have fascinating stories connected with them that will help to make the hymns even more meaningful when they sing them. On one Sunday the choir may sing the carol just previous to the sermon. On another Sunday the congregation may introduce the sermon by singing the carol. They may well sing the carol after the sermon, too. Having heard the story and the meaning of the hymn, with how much more power the words will sing themselves into their hearts!

The main thing is, let's take advantage of the beautiful Advent season. As God prepared the world for the coming of the Christ, even so let us prepare our people for his coming, that they may see in Christmas more than tinsel and trinkets, but the glory of God come down to earth in Christ our Saviour.

Bookish Brevities

(From page 55)

advice concerning this important part of our mission, I am most enthusiastic in commending *The Better Half of Your Life*, by Dr. Charles H. Lerrigo (The John Day Company, New York; \$3.50). * * * *John The Baptist*, by Carl H. Kraeling, director of the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago and president of the American Schools of Oriental Research, is a book for the like of which I have long felt a real need. John the Baptist, though he stands as the bridge between the eighth century prophets and Jesus, between the best in Judaism and the beginnings of Christianity, has been, at least for me, a rather elusive figure. And it has been something like forty years since American scholarship has given us a book dealing with this strange but dynamic and obviously important figure. Kraeling, with the learning of a great scholar and the lucidity of a man of letters, has given us something for which ministers and teachers of all the churches will be grateful (Charles

GIFTS

**FOR A CHRISTIAN
 CHRISTMAS**



★ **WHEN JESUS WAS BORN**—Storybook of the life of Christ with full-color fold-up pictures for each of 7 sections. Excellent for young children. Size, 6½ x 6½ inches.

No. 3341.....Price, \$1.00

★ **LIFE OF CHRIST VISUALIZED**—Boxed gift set of three 48-page books. The story of Christ told in full-color picture-strip form. 675 pictures in all. True to the Scriptures. A perfect gift.

No. 2071.....Price, per set, \$1.00

★ **JUST FOR FUN**—96 pages of entertaining puzzles, many with Bible subjects, for Junior boys and girls—crosswords, codes, dot-to-dot, hidden pictures, mazes, quizzes, and Scripture hunts. Size, 8½ x 7½ inches, in 2-color art.

No. 2985.....Price, \$1.00

At Your Bookstore, or

STANDARD PUBLISHING COMPANY

20 E. Central Parkway, Cincinnati 10, Ohio



**78TH ANNUAL
 EDITION**

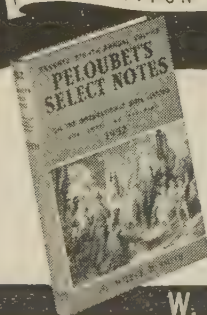
PELOUBET'S
SELECT NOTES for 1952

World's leading Commentary on the Inter-
 national Bible Lessons complete with maps,
 colored prints, bibliography and index.

for Pastors, Students, Teachers

by WILBUR M. SMITH

W. A. WILDE CO., Boston 16, Mass.



**\$2.75
 AT ALL
 BOOK
 STORES**

Scribner's Sons; \$2.50). * * * Elton Trueblood is one of the most thoughtful among the religious leaders of our generation. I have always enjoyed and admired his writings; but it was not until, during a delightful week of fellowship when we were lecturing at a conference of preachers in the Middle West, that I came to know him personally. Quiet, winsome, lovable, Trueblood stands as the true successor of the late Rufus Jones among American Quakers, and his latest book, *The Life We Prize*, presents the flower and fruit of his creative thought. Trueblood is at once truly Catholic and truly Evangelical. Except for sacraments, he is truly Catholic in the sense that he believes what has been believed always, everywhere and by all Christians (to recall the classic definition of Vincent of Lerins) and he is truly Evangelical in the sense that he puts first the good news of God in Christ. *The Life We Prize* presents a study of life's unpurchasable but not unobtainable values (Harper and Brothers; \$2.50). * * *

Among descriptive writers of our generation a large place must be given to S. P. B. Mais. Whether he writes of places or of people, of small exotic counties or of vast and varied continents, Mais always manages to catch and describe what is most essential and interesting. All of this is true of his small but revealing book, *The Story of Oxford*. In brief compass he tells the story of what is perhaps the best known among the world's famous universities, noting many of the illustrious names associated with the university's thirty-nine colleges, beginning with University College, established in 1249, and concluding with Nuffield, established in 1937. One of the most interesting features of this beautiful book—its beauty greatly enhanced by the superb photography of Leonard and Marjorie Gayton—is the author's quotations, borrowed from many sources, but especially from the books and writings of Oxford men. And, as might be expected, their expressed reflections differ very greatly. Thus we hear Matthew Arnold saying, "Whispering from its towers the last enchantments of the Middle Ages," or Oscar Wilde saying, "Oxford still remains the most beautiful thing in England," while, on the contrary, we hear Thomas De Quincey saying, "Oxford, ancient mother, I owe thee nothing. For the two years of my residence, I did not utter a hundred words." It seems a time far off when college students were not permitted to converse in any language other than Latin ("except to strangers and illiterates"), or when boys of fourteen successfully passed

their examinations leading to a master's degree. (Staples Press, Ltd., London; 9/6) * * * *The Pavillion*, by Stark Young, is an autobiography of quiet but compelling power. The book is alive with wisdom and carries the memories and reflections of an urbane, widely experienced and scholarly man who was for many years America's most outstanding dramatic critic. In its pages we meet in intimate fashion a multitude of famous men and women and visit many enchanting and influential cities. I am still remembering, after a good many years, my youthful pleasure in having Stark Young as my companion on an Atlantic crossing from New York to Cherbourg. He was on his way to Rome "to see and size-up that strange fellow, Mussolini." The author's reflections on religion have a quality all their own. (Charles Scribner's Sons; \$2.50).

"I HEARD THE BELLS"

It was during the Civil War in America, in the midst of bloody turmoil, that Longfellow wrote, "I heard the Bells on Christmas Day."

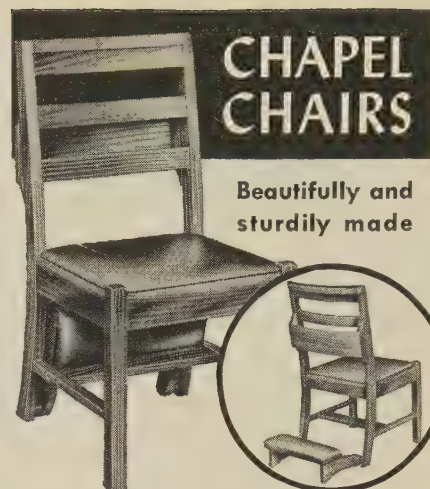
The hope of peace weighted heavily on his heart. The words "Of Peace on earth, good-will to men" appear in every stanza of his hymn. In the midst of national conflict it indeed seemed incongruous to synchronize the message of Christmas with a world at war. Yet the poet, strong in his faith, measured his poetic lines to a thrilling climax with "wrong shall fail, the right prevail, with peace on earth, good-will to men."

Perhaps because of the continued popularity of poems like his "Village Blacksmith," and "The Courtship of Miles Standish," Longfellow is seldom thought of as a writer of hymns. Yet he did write one of the most prayerful of all carols.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, an American, was born in Portland, Maine. After graduating from Bowdoin College he spent four years in study and travel. Later he returned to his Alma Mater as professor of Modern Language, and after six years in that position became professor of Modern Languages at Harvard.

"I heard the Bells," written in 1863, six months after the Battle of Gettysburg, came from a heart torn with anguish over the lack of peace within America. Today, the same words are sung in behalf of world peace, and the peace and good-will for ages to come.

"I Heard the Bells" is truly an American Christmas Carol for all the world.



CHAPEL CHAIRS

Beautifully and sturdily made

Wood used—kiln dried oak.

Finish—Natural or Stained.

Upholstery—Kalitron, a plastic material that will not scuff and is available in different colors.

Same recent installations:

Epiphany Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C.
Fort Benning Chapel, Fort Benning, Georgia
St. Martin's-in-the-Field, Columbia, S. C.
Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Illinois
Chapel of the Four Chaplains, Phila., Pa.

Complete information on these chairs and newly designed church school furniture sent on request.

Dept. CM

DeLong, Lenski & DeLong

CHURCH FURNITURE • CHANCEL RENOVATIONS
LIGHTING FIXTURES

1505 Race Street, Philadelphia 2, Penna.

LIGHTING FIXTURES

Genuine Bronze
Wrought Iron

Suggestions
and
Prices on
Request

Write
for
Illustrated
Portfolio

Write for Folder on
Lanterns, Grilles, Gates, Tablets

MEIERJONAN • WENGLER
METALCRAFTSMEN
8102 W. 9th St. CINCINNATI 3, OHIO



AN HOUR WITH GOOD BOOKS

Architecture

Planning and Building the Modern Church by William Ward Watkin. F. W. Dodge Corporation. 164 pages. \$8.50.

The F. W. Dodge Corporation through its magazine *The Architectural Record* has made, through the past years, a splendid contribution to the cause of the modern church building. The publication of this new column, by an architect of distinction, who serves as Professor of Architecture at Rice Institute, supplements the earlier services in a splendid way.

Most of the books on church architecture have been written by churchmen with a keen knowledge of the needs of worship and education, but with little of the architectural or engineering experience to do full justice to this important area of construction. The author of this volume rightly appraises the great amount of church construction of our day and writes for architects and churchmen.

The architectural instinct is seen in most of the pages. He accepts the consulting expert or architects as necessary creatures in certain positions, but believes that the architects of the building should do the creative work and have control of the situation. He believes that the hundreds of architects throughout the country, engaged in designing churches, are competent and eager to put their best in the work.

Next in this volume I note the emphasis on the need for functional architecture. The minister reader, for instance, will marvel at the pains taken by the architect to avoid duplication of space, to eliminate traffic congestion, or to secure the right proportions. Proportion seems to be one of the first principles of architecture.

The term "modern" does not mean modernistic. The book is replete with pictures of new buildings. Most of them have modern features in design, in heating, in air-conditioning and other items, but few are, in any sense, extreme. They are grounded in tradition.

The development of the book is logical. There is the discussion of the new church, first steps in design and then one by one the author takes up materials, building for use and beauty, the chancel, the church school, walls and towers, heating, lighting and air-conditioning, building the church and furnishing the church.

I think that ministers will find this is a helpful guide, not alone in the discussion of styles of architecture, but as an aid in understanding the purpose and technique of the architect.

W. A. L.

The Christian Church

The One Church by Clarence Tucker Craig. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. 155 pages. \$2.00.

Dr. Craig, dean and professor of New Testament at Drew Theological Seminary, has long been a leader in the Ecumenical Movement. This was recognized when Glasgow University gave the author an honorary doctorate in the summer of 1950. A leader at the Edinburgh Conference on Faith and Order in 1937 and at the Amsterdam Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948, Dr. Craig will be present when the Conference on Faith and Order meets in 1952 at Lund, Sweden.

These chapters were first presented in July, 1950 at Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas. Believing that the Ecumenical Movement had passed from the stage of enthusiasm to a more sober period of facing the actual barriers of fuller church unity, the author presents a discussion of the crucial points of division in terms of the New Testament. All of these issues are considered on the basis of firmly held evangelical convictions.

The book consists of eight chapters. First Dr. Craig shows that while Biblical interpreters may be divided on some points they are agreed that the New Testament knows of only one church. Surveying the limits of church unity the author concludes that "the test for one church may be found when the saying grace of God in Christ is manifest." Dr. Craig does not believe that episcopacy is a necessary form of the church. Realizing that the doctrine of apostolic succession is a strong belief in some denominations, the author insists that "the true apostolic succession is among those who carry out the mission of Christ." The author knows that the varying beliefs concerning baptism are further barriers to church unity. Consequently he holds that while baptism may be regarded both as a sacrament and a symbol "the Ecumenical Church should be less concerned about securing uniformity of interpretation than in promoting zeal to gather all of the People of God into the household of the faith."

The two concluding chapters face the most important issues of this theme. What are the goals of the Ecumenical Movement? What is the faith of the united church? Dr. Craig does not believe that the faith of the Ecumenical Church can be built upon historical creeds. Quoting from an article which he wrote in 1946 the author suggests that this be the basis of faith: "All Christian bodies which affirm that God has sent Jesus Christ as the Saviour of men and accept him as the Lord of Life." About this statement can grow

the common faith of a united church.

Here is a volume which frankly faces the barriers of church union. It also gives to the reader some practical and spiritual ideas upon which he can think and act for Christian unity. It is the best general discussion of the Ecumenical Movement available today. Men and women of all denominations should read it—if they still profess the sincere desire to have all bow before the same Christ.

W. L. L.

Paddy Wilson's Meeting House in Providence Plantations 1791-1839 by Arthur E. Wilson. The Pilgrim Press. 278 pages. \$3.50.

The story of America can be found in the historical records of its churches. American culture grew as its religious life grew. The minister wielded a tremendous influence upon the thinking and actions of his community. His was a place of leadership in the affairs of men. When he spoke, men listened.

Nowhere was this more true than in New England. There, much of the religious and political forces, which shaped the destiny of our nation, were conceived.

In *Paddy Wilson's Meeting House*, the author, Arthur E. Wilson, who claims no relationship to Paddy, has taken the records of "Old Round Top" and has woven them into a most interesting account of the influence of a man and a church upon the life and letters of Providence, Rhode Island. The man is James Wilson, a genial Irishman, who came to America to preach and teach. After many trials and tribulations he became known as "Paddy Wilson." The church is the Beneficent Church of Providence of which the author is the present minister. Together, the man and the church made history.

If you are interested in a religious, historical account of post-Revolutionary life in New England, we suggest this volume for your reading pleasure. Otherwise, we feel that it is too "localized" to be of much value.

J. C. L.

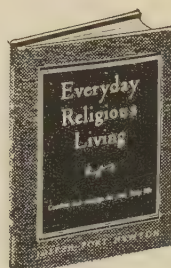
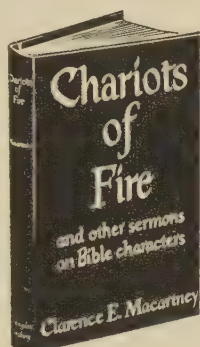
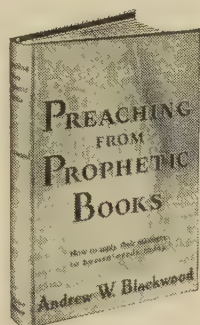
On This Rock by G. Bromley Oxnam. Harper & Brothers. 117 pages. \$1.50.

Here we have the third series in the William Henry Hoover lectureship on Christian Unity. Bishop Oxnam, who in recent years has become a recognized spokesman of the Protestant Church, makes a vigorous appeal for Christian unity. The rock on which Bishop Oxnam believes that the united church can be built is the confession, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

The strongest section of the book is a chapter on the conflict between the free mind and the authoritarian

Important New Books

from Abingdon-Cokesbury



PREACHING FROM PROPHETIC BOOKS

ANDREW W. BLACKWOOD. For every minister, ministerial student, and teacher: a practical, rewarding method of studying the prophetic writings—of discovering their relevant messages, sermon texts and topics, and meaningful illustrations—of applying their insights into human nature and God's truth to the needs of men and women in the pews today.

The Chapters

THE PROPHETS AS GREAT PREACHERS

AMOS: The Voice of God's Righteousness

HOSEA: The Gospel from a Broken Heart

MICAH: The Spokesman for Common People

ISAIAH: The Herald of God to the Nation

ISAIAH (*cont'd*): The Gospel in the Old Testament

JEREMIAH: The Experiences of a Lonesome Saint

HABAKKUK: The Conversion of an Honest Doubter

EZEKIEL: The Visions of a Zealous Churchman

THE MINE FOR THE PREACHER TODAY \$2.50

EVERYDAY RELIGIOUS LIVING

JOSEPH FORT NEWTON. All of Dr. Newton's warm, personal concern for people in any sort of need shines through these sixty-five brief, comforting devotional readings. Each message, based on a text from the Bible, brings a workable solution to some problem of Monday through Sunday—illuminated by stories and anecdotes from daily-life experiences, from lives of great men, and from history and literature. Here is courage and guidance for the "wear and tear" of every day—realistic inspiration for more abundant Christian living.

POCKET SIZE, \$1.25

PASTORAL CARE

By 19 Eminent Authorities. Edited by J. Richard Spann. Here 19 outstanding pastors and counselors correlate their experience, study, and meditation with the best findings in psychology and psychiatry—pointing out basic principles and workable ways to meet personal needs with the healing truth of Christian faith. \$2.50

CHARIOTS OF FIRE

and Other Sermons on Bible Characters

CLARENCE E. MACARTNEY. From the many characters who add richness and human appeal to Old and New Testament chronicles, Dr. Macartney here deals with seventeen who have a special and timely message for Christian men and women of our day.

The Sermons

Elisha's Servant—Chariots of Fire; Damaris—a Trophy from Mars Hill; Herod Antipas—The Resurrection of Conscience; Eutychus—Sleeping in Church; Amaziah—God's Compensations; Hagar—Unexpected Providence; Nicodemus—The Man Who Came by Night; Adoni-Bezek—Retribution in Kind; Esau—Weak Moments; Absalom—A Tomb Without a Tenant; Doeg—Truth, but Not the Whole Truth; Jehoram—Sackcloth Within; Pharaoh—Man Against God; Samson—Only This Once; Rizpah—Eternal Motherhood; Haman—the Reaction of Revenge; Abigail—The Soul's Advocate.

Here is biographical preaching at its best—rich in illustration, keen in interpretation and application of scriptural truth. \$2

BEGINNING THE DAY

A Book of Morning Prayers

HENRY M. EDMONDS. For every day in the year—strengthening moments of meditation to deepen the Christian's trust in God and joy in living.

BEGINNING THE DAY has an unsentimental, practical concern with the average person's daily problems—and inspiring insight into the highest relationships of man with man and man with God. For personal meditation, for family and group devotions—a book to cherish and use for inner peace and spiritual vitality. POCKET SIZE, \$1

LIVE WITH YOUR EMOTIONS

HAZEN G. WERNER. In this wise and penetrating book, Bishop Werner shows how people have built—and can build—completely new lives through insights into their emotions, and with the Christian faith. Of particular value for ministers, counselors, and all who would guide and help others. \$2.50

AT YOUR BOOKSTORE

Abingdon-Cokesbury

Questions People Ask

By ROBERT J. McCracken

Dr. McCracken is famed for more than being Harry Emerson Fosdick's successor at Riverside Church. Since assuming the position of minister there he has become much in demand as preacher and lecturer all over the country. Here is the first book of sermons by one of the most eminent ministers in North America. Their author has called them "life-situation" preaching, but it is also biblical and topical preaching of the highest order. The titles have been determined by the questions personally put to Dr. McCracken at Riverside and elsewhere. Together they form a total view of Christianity that is both edifying and inspiring. \$2.50

The Christian Understanding Of God

By NELS F. S. FERRE

One of America's most earnest, versatile, and appealing theologians now turns to a consideration of a key idea in theology: an adequate and comprehensive view of God. The depth of his subject, however, does not make for turgid thought or unwieldy language. Readers have called this the clearest and most careful of the volumes on the Christian Faith of which this is a part. \$3.75

The Gospel According to Luke

Exposition and Application

By ERNEST FREMONT TITTLE

"Ernest Fremont Tittle's exposition of the Gospel of Luke will take its place among the great interpretations of that book. It is not a book of sermons. Rather, it is a remarkably clever and significant portrayal of a Brother at work at his task of 'preaching the Bible.' . . . Anyone interested in the interpretation of biblical insights in terms of our life and times will find it worth his while to read it with care."—HAROLD A. BOSLEY \$3.75

at your bookseller

HARPER & BROTHERS

New York 16, N. Y.

church. Here is a definite and positive answer to the Roman Catholic claim that union can be only "return to the one true church of Christ of those who are separated from it; for from that one true church they have in the past fallen away." Bishop Oxnam makes it clear that Protestants will not "return" by giving up the freedom and the democracy which they prize. "The Roman Catholic Church must make basic revision in the concepts upon which its authoritarianism rests. There can be no final reconciliation between those who proclaim the free mind and those who conform to authoritarian dictate." While there is no present evidence that the free mind has so permeated Roman Catholicism in the United States as to justify the conclusion that authoritarianism is weakening, yet there is hope that intelligent men and women who are loyal to the Roman Catholic Church may begin to question the authoritarian concept and be willing to meet as brothers the Protestants who have already begged God for forgiveness for their own exclusiveness and authoritarianism.

The final chapter looks, as in a vision, at the blessings that lie in the United Church. May this book be one more step toward making this vision a reality!

W. R. L.

The City of God, Books I-VII, by St. Augustine. Translated by Demetrius B. Zema and Gerald G. Walsh with an introduction by Etienne Gilson. Fathers of the Church, Inc. 401 pages. \$5.00.

This is Volume 8 in the series *The Fathers of the Church*. The translation is new and well done, indeed it has the quality of being quite readable. The lengthy ninety-eight-page introduction by Etienne Gilson would prepare the uninitiated for dealing with the writings of this classic Christian writer. However, in his value judgments he is always a faithful Roman, e.g. he says: "If we really want one world, we must first have one church, and the only church that is one is the Catholic Church." Many earnest Christian leaders have hoped that a new Augustine might be raised up to do for this age what the renowned bishop of Hippo did for his. But such a modern saint seems reluctant to be born. In the meantime, we shall continue to read the writings of the Augustine of the early fifth century. The reading of this new translation impresses one anew with the majestic logic with which he came to grips with the issues of his day. The increasing interest shown in this saint is a hopeful sign.

S. L.

The Growth of the Soul

The Idea of Development of the Soul in Medieval Jewish Philosophy by Philip David Bookstaber. Maurice Jacobs, Inc. 104 pages. \$2.00.

The theme of this book is the change in thinking about the development of the soul in Jewish philosophy from the ninth to the thirteenth centuries. The book does not attempt to treat of the pre-existence of the soul, nor of the soul after death. It is the author's thesis that the soul can be developed, and that the individual may win or lose immortality of the soul in so far as he

is willing to recreate within himself the divine spark which is ever-present within him potentially.

A study is made of eight Jewish medieval philosophers who had something to say about the soul. The author emphasizes the Arabic influence which gave us the concept of "Active Intellect," and it is this "dynamicity," this "creativity," which accounts for soul development. A man's soul comes from the "World Soul."

The philosophers studied are, with the exception of Maimonides, comparatively unknown to the average Christian. They are:

Isaac Ben Solomon Israeli (832-932), who was born in Egypt and served as court physician to several Caliphs in the Near East.

Saadia Ben Joseph Al-Fayyumi (892-942), who emphasized that conduct is the tool that can make a person use or abuse the inherent capabilities and possibilities within the soul.

Bachya Ben Joseph Ibn Pakuda (11th century), who wrote the first systematic book on ethics, and emphasized temperance.

Solomon Ibn Gabirol (1021-1058), who was the first Jewish philosopher to live in Spain as the Jews moved westward. He emphasized that man for his own benefit should use the "Active Intellect" so that his soul may fully function and appropriate the world of spirit, the world of intelligence.

Joseph Ibn Zaddik (died 1149), who in addition to being a philosopher, and a poet, was a rabbi, and judge of the Jewish community in Cordova, Spain. He was a mystic who believed the rational soul should move on from the potential stage to the "Universal Intellect."

Judah Halevi (1095-1145), a Spanish Jew who held that man may win or lose life and immortality according to his conduct.

Abraham Ibn Daud (1110-1180), another Spanish Jew whose thought laid the groundwork for Moses Maimonides.

Moses Maimonides (1135-1204), who taught a sublime spiritual conception of God.

This is a serious book in a technical field, and gives the background of the philosophical thinking of Reformed Judaism.

H. W. H.

The Struggle of the Soul by Lewis Joseph Sherrill. The Macmillan Company. 155 pages. \$2.50.

Recently appointed to the chairmanship of the department of religious education of Union Theological Seminary, New York, after twenty years as dean of Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, Dr. Sherrill is noted for his volumes on religious education. This will add greatly to his stature.

Here for the first time in one volume is a study of the religious development of the individual revealing the relationship of dynamic psychology to Christianity. Others have written about children or youth or maturity or old age, but Sherrill spans man's whole life. For a rapid picture of that entire growth or "struggle of the soul," leaving no details untouched for the average reader, and giving all that is necessary for the professional, this volume is superb.

Throughout the volume is the dynamic self encountering God at its various stages of growth, responding either by acceptance through faith or turning away in doubt or denial. The chapters concerning children and youth are especially valuable to parents and teachers, and the other chapters will add to an understanding of one's own self and those with whom one lives. To minister and church worker its insights will do much to open one's eyes to the struggle which we dimly see and frequently misunderstand.

But its lack of technical language gives added strength to it. All can understand its direct writing. It should be most helpful to a vast multitude of asking people.

H. W. F.

The Life of the Soul by Samuel H. Miller. Harper & Brothers. 158 pages. \$2.00.

Some books are harder to place in definite patterns than others. This is the case with *The Life of the Soul*. It is difficult to decide whether to call its fifteen chapters sermons or essays. Although they are not written in sermonic form, it is safe to assume that much of the material which they contain has been utilized in the pulpit. It is not saying too much to state that the book is rich in homiletical thought and suggestion. The sermon-essays which it contains are original, brilliant, and helpful. The book as a whole is of distinguished merit and is worth reading and re-reading.

Likely the best way to give an adequate idea of the style and content of a book like this is to quote from it. The following sentences are taken from "On Coming to Oneself," which needless to say is based on the parable of the prodigal son: "It is not easy for any of us to get through all the coverings in which we are wrapped in order to find ourselves. There are so many things around us in which we are hidden, our image distorted, compromised, smothered, even obliterated. There are so many things we do in which we ourselves have no part, things done against our will, things done out of necessity, things in which we put neither heart nor brain, jobs in which we have no interest, pastimes in which we have no delight, countless activities stillborn and without the mark and life of our integrity upon them. Even at life's best when we give ourselves completely to the work in hand, it is extraordinarily difficult to make the product of our labor, whatever it may be, communicate the spirit and reality of the soul with which we made it."

A few sentences picked almost at random from the pages will give a still further understanding of the wealth of material in these essays: "Each age has its own heresies and its peculiar hostilities to the life of the spirit." "The human soul is not whole or healthy unless it has found God. Without Him it is isolated, cut off, groundless and restless." "No greater evil can come into Christian fellowship than to lose its first high glory of the love of God and that vision of the soul's journey in the mind of God, to come down and diddle-daddle with a thousand and picayune things that have no meaning or place in His kingdom." "In this wilderness the everlasting arms are beneath us. The kingdom of God still

Tips on helping others...

George Hedley's 2-fisted attack **SUPERSTITIONS** of the irreligious

A hard-hitting examination of the arguments of the irreligious—those non-believers who avow that religion is out-of-date and delight in talking against it. Taking up their superstitions one by one, Dr. Hedley demolishes them and exposes them as a mass stampede away from clear thinking and spiritual truth. A completely realistic defense of religion in the world today, this book is a gold mine for sermon material and for guidance to young people, businessmen, and "intellectuals." \$2.50

James Gilkey's hint-packed book **HERE IS HELP** **FOR YOU**

Are your parishioners confused? Do they come to you for advice on maintaining self-confidence, avoiding needless worry, and making marriage work? This practical volume will help you give them the counseling they need. Here Dr. Gilkey draws on his long experience as a minister and his deep understanding to tackle problems of careers, marriage, and the family and climaxes his advice with a discussion of how to find religious faith. His direct, conversational chapters were originally preached as sermons and will show you how to give effective guidance from the pulpit. A "must" book for clergy and laymen alike. \$2.50

at all bookstores

MACMILLAN

60 Fifth Avenue, New York 11

Save your church costly repairs... How to keep equipment, buildings, grounds, in top condition!

CHURCH MAINTENANCE MANUAL

The only book of its kind, CHURCH MAINTENANCE MANUAL offers detailed, practical, money-saving information on the maintenance, cleaning and repair of such church equipment as:

linens and vestments • hymnals and prayer books • carpets, pews, altarware • heating system • organ and piano keys • stained glass windows

plus care of interior and exterior walls, roofs, steeples, lawns and shrubs. It also suggests safeguards which can be built into new churches to prevent wear and tear. Indispensable to the proper care of church and chapel, this comprehensive volume will help you save money, repairs and needless depreciation.

Just published, \$3.00



By
ROGER C.
WHITMAN

How to make the voice of your church stronger in your community . . .

PUBLIC RELATIONS MANUAL FOR CHURCHES

by Stanley I. Stuber • 2nd printing, \$3

At all booksellers, or
DOUBLEDAY, Dept. CM11, Garden City, N.Y.

exists, and there is grace for a new beginning."

These passages are typical of many others. The publication of a book like this is an event.

L. H. C.

Jesus Christ

Jesus in the Jewish Tradition by Morris Goldstein. The Macmillan Company. 319 pages. \$4.00.

Apparently this is the first book in English that tells the story of what is known about Jesus in Jewish life and literature through the first eighteen centuries of the Christian era. The purpose of the volume is to achieve a clearer understanding of Judaism, to provide a study that will be of value to students of Christianity and also to bring to light facts that may bring about better relations between Christians and Jews.

The main body of the work is divided into three parts that deal respectively with the Tannaitic, Amoraic and Post-Talmudic periods of the Jewish tradition. The Tannaitic period covers the first two and a quarter centuries of the Christian era. Many supposed references to Jesus in the Jewish writings of this time are shown to be unreliable and only five are regarded as authentic. The Amoraic period, extending from the third to the sixth centuries, yields little of interest or importance. The Post-Talmudic or Medieval period of the Jewish tradition concludes with the rise of democracy and toleration for the Jews at the end of the eighteenth century. Special attention is given to the booklet, *Toledoth Yeshu*, which was supposedly a life of Jesus. Dr. Goldstein believes that this work did not appear in a unified form until the middle of the sixth century. The written Jewish references to Jesus are traced through the ages.

Your reviewer is not in a position to evaluate this book from the standpoint of technical Hebrew scholarship. While somewhat lacking in popular appeal, it is a painstaking study and undoubtedly an outstanding contribution to the literature of the relations of Judaism and Christianity. The book should help to clear up a number of misunderstandings about supposed references to Jesus in Jewish writings. The author is rabbi of Congregation Sherith Israel, San Francisco, and is a member of the faculty of the Pacific School of Religion.

J. C. P.

The Christ of All Nations. Compiled by Paul Guinness. Association Press. 285 pages. \$2.75.

If you were confined in a prisoner of war camp and had no book but a New Testament, what would you undertake as a study project? Paul Guinness, a prisoner in Germany in 1943 and after, devoted himself to the life of Christ and spent his hours constructing a consecutive story from the accounts in the four gospels. Working in a deserted shed, the only place where it was possible to be alone in a camp of 2,000 men, he wrote in pencil on torn scraps of paper. This book is the result of his labor.

The greatest appeal of the book will be to the reader who wants a single text combining the contributions of all

four gospels. Whatever individual quality each of the gospels possesses is, of course, lost in the treatment. As a study text this book suffers from a lack of chapter and verse references with the selections used. This defect is partly remedied in the Synopsis at the close, where parallel references are indicated for each incident.

W. R. L.

Christ and Culture by H. Richard Niebuhr. Harper & Brothers. 259 pages. \$3.50.

Here is a theologian who can write clearly and interestingly, so that the normal reader with careful thinking may follow him readily. It is no popularized writing, but refuses to be "gobbledygook."

Dr. Niebuhr (of Yale, brother of the Union Niebuhr) considers the relevance of Christ to the world, the conflict between "the world" and the "kingdom of God." He presents the "enduring problem," then shows first the uncompromising answer of Christ against all culture; second, the accommodation of Christ to culture; and third, the synthesis of Christ and culture. His closing chapters on Christ and culture in paradox, and Christ as transformer of culture, with the unusually fine last chapter using a title from Kierkegaard, "A Concluding Unscientific Postscript," brings a full volume to a close.

From the point of view of a theologian this reviewer cannot adequately write; but from the view of a parish minister he can recommend most highly this thoughtful and clear presentation as a stimulus to one's own thinking and as a deepening of one's faith. Niebuhr is a man easy to listen to, and easy to read; but only with keen ears and sharp eyes.

H. W. F.

Sermons

Interpreters Needed by Edward Hughes Pruden. Judson Press. 128 pages. \$2.00.

This book of sermons is in a class entirely by itself. The author is the pastor of the large and influential First Baptist Church of Washington, D. C., and it is seldom that there comes to a reviewer's desk a collection of sermons by one preacher so distinctively denominational. On almost every page of this book we are reminded that we are reading words preached by a Baptist to Baptists. It is also for Baptists, but not for them only. It should have a wide reading among those of other households of faith.

It would be hardly fair to Dr. Pruden to read these sermons without first reading his foreword. The First Baptist Church of Washington is affiliated with both of the national Baptist conventions, the American Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, and has succeeded in molding Baptists from both of these and other groups into one harmonious family. One of the purposes of the sermons included in this volume is to interpret Baptists to each other. Another aim apparently is to interpret Baptists to members of other denominations. And it seems that Dr. Pruden is admirably successful in doing this.

The first sermon sounds the keynote of the book, its title being "The Need of Interpreters." Sermons IV and V have

Not
just 1 day
but for 365

Your
Greeting

LASTS ALL YEAR!

This colorful Calendar will be a radiant influence in friends' homes throughout 1952.

Special Features include Monthly Theme Thoughts and related Bible Verses for each week, and many other features usually found only in larger calendars.



"TRIUMPHANT LIFE"
Calendar for 1952
FIVE SALLMAN PICTURES

The beautiful new blue and gold background is enhanced by four-color reproductions of Warner Sallman's masterful portrayals of Jesus. Order the full assortment.

INEXPENSIVE. Only \$1.90 for ten. Only 17c each in 100's, and your name imprinted FREE on 100 or more.

Mails for only 2c—envelopes furnished.

ORDER FROM YOUR RELIGIOUS SUPPLY DEALER

The Warner Press
ANDERSON 10 INDIANA

for their topics "The Baptist Position As I See It" and "Why We Remain Separate." It must not be thought, however, that these sermons are denominational and nothing more. They contain, in addition, much effective practical preaching. Not every reader will agree with all that he finds in them, but all will respect them and be helped by them.

As we read the eleven sermons, we sense somewhat the crowded congregations to which they were preached and the direct response which they must have received. The foreword gives a glimpse of the varied and changing congregations to which a Washington preacher ministers. Dr. Pruden quotes a fellow pastor as saying that "preaching in Washington is like trying to evangelize a parade" and speaking for himself he says: "One does not have to move to another city in order to acquire a new congregation. In Washington the new congregation comes to the minister."

L. H. C.

Solid Certainties by W. C. Creasman. Broadman Press. 168 pages. \$1.75.

This volume contains sixteen sermons from the pen of the Superintendent of the Tennessee Baptist Orphans' Home. The first impression which the book makes on the reader is that it has an arresting and positive title. A number of other captions are also especially well-phrased and thought-provoking in themselves. The following illustrate this: "The Certainty of Those Things," "The Incomparable Preacher," "Sublime Extravagance," "The Price of a Soul," "A Bargain Is a Bargain," and "Imperial Imperatives."

With two exceptions all of the texts are from the words of Jesus or words about Jesus. This indicates the major emphasis of the work. The author tells us in the preface that his purpose is to strengthen the faith of Christians in the eternal verities and "to call sinners to repentance and faith in our Christ." All of the sermons fit into this pattern. They are conservative both in homiletical approach and in theology. The style is clear, vigorous, and forcible. Some of the illustrations are especially good.

The fifteenth sermon which has for its title and its text the words, "I Have Sinned" is a uniquely interesting piece of homiletics. It begins with the statement that "Eight different Bible characters have made this particular admission or confession." Those mentioned and quoted are Pharaoh, Balaam, Achan, Saul, David, Job, Judas, and the Prodigal Son. Each of these confessions is made the basis of a sermonette within the sermon and the eight parts are skillfully welded into a unified whole. Balaam's words are characterized as "a forced confession," Achan's as "confession after proof," and David's as "confession of a broken heart."

These sermons are of a type which has long had an important place in the American pulpit. This kind of preaching has always had hearers and readers.

L. H. C.

Stimuli by Ronald Knox. Sheed and Ward. 214 pages. \$2.25.

This little volume of sermons by the former Catholic chaplain at Oxford is further evidence of the versatility of the author. Author of successful detec-

Nine men who
struggled for
religious freedom

The Travail of Religious Liberty

By ROLAND H. BAINTON

• Written in popular biographical style, here are the stories of nine men who took part in the struggle for religious freedom within the Christian Church, including Calvin, Servetus, Roger Williams and John Locke. By the author of *Here I Stand*. \$4.00

A devotional
classic

• Written originally by Roger Williams as a comforting letter to his wife, this book has been unavailable for many years. Once again in print, it will help those who seek guidance and reassurance in the face of despair. Edited, with a historical introduction, by WINTHROP S. HUDSON. \$2.00

By ROGER WILLIAMS

Experiments of Spiritual Life and Health



At all bookstores, THE WESTMINSTER PRESS

Philadelphia

THIS CHRISTMAS . . . We Want CATHEDRAL FILMSTRIPS

(35mm Single Frame FULL COLOR Filmstrips)

More and more church schools are enjoying the finest in Christmas programs thru Cathedral Filmstrips. The Rev. James Friedrich's personal supervision of these superb productions has resulted in world wide acclaim. Be sure that your school avails itself of the VERY BEST . . . Cathedral Filmstrips.

HOLY CHILD OF BETHLEHEM
Photography of real people, beautiful costumes.

CHRISTOPHER MOUSE
"It is more blessed to give than to receive." A beautiful Christmas story.

HOLY NIGHT
The newest Christmas release of Cathedral Films (real people) is without question the finest story of Christmas available. The Bible story beginning at the time of the early prophesies and ending in the manger at Bethlehem.

WHEN THE LITTLEST CAMEL KNELT
A reverent cartoon of The Christmas Story as told by the Littlest Camel.

CATHEDRAL FILMS • 140 N. Hollywood Way • Burbank, California

Dept. CM-11	WITH MANUAL	WITH RECORD	NAME _____
HOLY NIGHT	\$10 ea. ☐	\$15 ea. ☐	ST. ADDRESS _____
HOLY CHILD	\$10 ea. ☐	\$15 ea. ☐	CITY _____ STATE _____
CHRIS MOUSE	\$10 ea. ☐	\$15 ea. ☐	COD \$ _____ Money Ord. \$ _____
LITTLE CAMEL	\$10 ea. ☐	\$15 ea. ☐	

How the problems of illness
can be met and solved
with God's help

Springs of Living Water

By **CARL J. SCHERZER**. This is a guide to the spiritual resources available to the sick and to those who take care of them. It was written to bring the comfort and help of faith to all who are sick, and to help the chaplain and pastor who work with the ill in hospitals or at home. By the author of *The Church and Healing*. A Pastoral Aid Book. \$1.50



At all bookstores
**THE WESTMINSTER
PRESS**
Philadelphia

tive stories, able translator of the Old and the New Testaments, and interpreter of Catholic doctrine in simple but clear terms, Msgr. Ronald Knox presents here some of his thoughts on a variety of themes.

The preface of this book has particular interest to those of us who preach each week. Ordinarily a preface is not too instructive reading. Nevertheless in this volume it is truly a part of the book for the author gives some observations on preaching. He points out that words are like goads that sting us—or that they ought to be that strong. If they are not stinging us, they are not the proper words or expressions of Biblical truths. As the author further shows, too many people are conscious of the amount of time needed to preach these truths. Msgr. Knox's sermons are from two to four pages in length. They are models for some of us who find it necessary to use more than a half an hour to express what ought to be said in less time.

The sermon subjects are varied. Thirty-one sermons are grouped under the heading of "Round the Year." The themes are chosen to follow the church year. Ten sermons grouped under the heading "A Few Saints" discuss the important figures in Biblical history. The last group of sermons under the general theme "This and That" contain subjects ranging from "Waiters" and "Praying About Weather" to "Swords and Ploughshares."

Like his other writings this volume is witty, penetrating and challenging. Free from ecclesiastical decorum this book of sermons will make good reading for Protestants as well as for Catholics.

W. L. L.

The Bible

The Cities of St. Paul—Their Influence on His Life and Thought, The Cities of Eastern Asia Minor by W. M. Ramsay. Baker Book House. 425 pages. \$4.00.

The author first considers Paulinism in the Graeco-Roman world. Paul's philosophy of history is given and the modern philosophy of history is contrasted with Paul's. The Greek, Hebrew and Roman influences upon Paul are each set forth. The following five cities: 1) Tarsus (Paul's birthplace and childhood home); 2) Pisidian Antioch; 3) Iconium; 4) Derbe; 5) Lystra, are each set in their historical, political, commercial and religious backgrounds. The people, languages and geographical location of each city are noted by the author. Maps, pictures and coins are shown throughout this book. Paul's attitude toward the Roman imperial government is stated by the author under the title, "St. Paul in the Roman World." The writer's notes conclude this book.

The findings of historical, geographical and archaeological investigations are brought together to make Paul a living Christian in this modern age. This scholarly work is now again made available to all Bible students of Paul. Buy this volume and learn what cities influenced Paul.

H. D. H.

For a better Ministry
of Music...

THE NEW CHURCH HYMNAL

Edited by **H. Augustine Smith**
Howard Chandler Robbins
James Dalton Morrison
Edward Shippen Barnes

This rich and varied collection of old and new hymns focuses the teachings of Christianity upon the problems of this unprecedented age which challenges the Church with an unparalleled opportunity. The hymns are grouped under subjects which are foremost in Christian interest today.

The musical settings are singable, sound in structure, and inspiring. Folk tunes, chorales and descants are among the many outstanding features of the book. In physical appearance the book measures up to the highest standards.

527 Hymns and Tunes — 72 Pages of Worship Material

Well printed on strong opaque paper. Attractively bound and adequately reinforced for hard usage.

\$2.00 per Copy — \$150.00 per Hundred

Returnable copies for examination sent on request

Fleming H. Revell Company

WESTWOOD,
NEW JERSEY

- Pews
- Pew Screens
- Rails
- Altars



- Pulpits
- Lecterns
- Chairs
- Baptismal Fonts
- Flower Stands

ENDICOTT CHURCH FURNITURE, Inc.

Winona Lake, Indiana

The Panorama Books

Pilgrims Path by Desider Holisher. Stephen Paul Publishers. 109 pages. \$3.50.

Protestant Panorama by Clarence W. Hall and Desider Holisher. Farrar, Strauss and Young. 180 pages. \$4.00.

Several years separate the publication of these two volumes. But they belong in the same classification and Desider Holisher is the author of one and joint author of the other. They mark a new technique in book making. The attempt is to portray history with a minimum of printed text and a maximum of good illustration.

The first book deals with the story of the Pilgrims. The story is well told. The pictures are well selected. The author has used the anniversary celebrations of Plymouth to build the story of the past. The text is brief but the selections discussed are wisely selected. One gains the impression that Mr. Holisher has a passion for Protestantism and Democracy.

In the second book Clarence W. Hall, editor of the *Christian Herald* joins Mr. Holisher. The theme is a great one—the story of Protestantism in the United States. Through ten chapters the story is told. One gains a picture of consecrated personalities and growing churches. In a very true sense the authors have caught and portrayed the spirit of our Protestant churches, even glorying in its variations which is magnificent. The concluding chapters reveal the special outlook of Protestantism and its dream of a better world to come.

These books make a magnificent contribution. Get them for your home, your children and your congregation.

W. H. L.

Various Topics

The Executive Role in Y.M.C.A. Administration, Gren O. Pierrel, editor. Association Press. 540 pages. \$5.00.

During the years of Y.M.C.A. history there has developed, among its general secretaries, certain techniques of executive procedure which have proven effective. This volume is of composite authorship and has been written only after many conferences on the part of its authors. It attempts to bring together the various policies and techniques and gives a guide book for the men who are coming into responsibility and resource volume for those of longer experience.

C. V. Thomas, for many years the general secretary of the Cleveland Young Men's Christian Association, once told me that he had tried many times to integrate clergymen into his staff but that the results were in no instance successful. The reason, he insisted, was because the ministerial psychology disqualifies him for the executive job. He is a one-man actor and must lead the show which the executive works through committees.

I think that ministerial readers of *Church Management* may find this volume of interest to them to see the psychology of executive procedures which have been so successful in the Y.M.C.A.

W. H. L.

The New Gospel of the Soil by Ralph A. Felton. Department of Rural Work, Drew Theological Seminary, Madison,

New Jersey. 95 pages. Forty cents; three copies for \$1.00.

Think churches are not on the job? Read this paper covered book. It will thrill you. It contains the stories of sixteen different projects by small, rural churches. These churches are meeting their community needs in a very practical way. Included is the story of a church which helps young people buy farms, several successful church credit unions, the story of a minister's program for oil conservation, the account of a church with a father-son program. One tells of a church which developed a county marketing association. Not alone does the reading thrill one, but you get a picture of some of the small denominations and their work in the rural section. Not Fifth Avenue stories, but simple, courageous, down-to-earth stories.

W. H. L.

Sand and Stars by Ruth Stull. Fleming H. Revell Company. 189 pages. \$2.50.

Here is a most delightful and enlightening missionary story. Mrs. Stull and her doctor-husband made their way into the interior of Peru to minister to the Campa Indians. The hardships of their trip over mountain paths and along untraveled rivers holds one's interest for every moment. Upon their arrival they face many obstacles—ignorance, cruelty, pagan worship, as well as hazards presented by the country itself such as wild animals, snakes, lizards, etc. But in that wild country, untouched by civilization, they hew out a Christian community and perform a great and helpful ministry to the natives who come in ever increasing numbers. With courage and patience and sympathy they win many to the way of the Christ. One is greatly interested in the inner peace and poise exhibited by this couple in most dangerous situations and the way in which they used the Scriptures and prayer in these emergencies. After two terms of pioneering missionary service in Peru, Mrs. Stull is now travelling in the United States and Canada in the interest of foreign missions. This book is highly recommended as giving an intimate, personal glimpse into the life of a missionary pioneer.

L. N. L.

New World Calling by Charles F. Jacobs. Kingsport Press. 126 pages. \$2.00.

Here is a good job of preaching from current novels. While it is daring to undertake book reviewing as a method of preaching, in this case Mr. Jacobs has done some good sermons. He does not "review" the novels. He tells enough of the stories to gain the interest and to illustrate the great religious truths.

The sermons deal, of course, with what the people are reading and thinking about; they are made to live where the people live. They are done reverently and with good clarity and inspirational expression.

The sermons are based mostly on the latest novels. The oldest novel that is used is *The Robe* and the latest *The Enduring Hills* by Janice Holt Giles, published in 1950. There are twelve book-inspired sermons altogether. Most of the novels are from the vintage of 1949: *The Dream Gate*, *Let Love Come Last*, *My Heart Shall Not Fear*, *The Chain*, *Tomorrow Will Be Better*, *Point of No Return*, and *Nineteen Eighty-Four*.

O. L. I.

GIFT SELECTIONS



FOR

Pastor and Teacher

INTERPRETERS NEEDED

By Edward Hughes Pruden. The past president of the American Baptist Convention calls men to try to understand each other by understanding God. Eleven challenging sermons for the modern mind. Cloth, \$2.00

COWARDS OR CONQUERORS

By Herschel H. Hobbs. Eight glowing messages to a darkened world from a preacher who genuinely believes the gospel of Christ to be the divine remedy for human ills. Cloth, \$2.00

THE ROMANCE OF DOORBELLS

By Eugene Dinsmore Dolloff. The only book of its kind! Deals exclusively with the important subject of effective pastoral calling. A handbook, but one of color and delicious humor. Cloth, \$2.50

HOW CHRIST CAME TO CHURCH

By Adoniram Gordon. A spiritual autobiography. What a dream can do to a pastor and his church. Vital, inspiring, reverent. Cloth, \$1.50

LIVING PORTRAITS OF JESUS

By Sanford Fleming. Word pictures of the New Testament portraiture of Jesus—his inward and outward likenesses. Cloth, \$2.00

ON WHOM THE SPIRIT CAME

A study of the Acts of the Apostles

By Miles W. Smith. The White Fire of Pentecost and how it led the church in its outward movement to the ends of the earth. Cloth, \$2.50

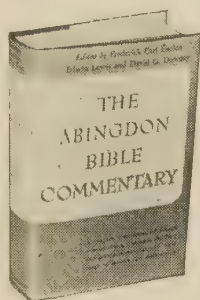
A MAN CAN KNOW GOD

By John Henry Strong. How God has guided the life of a man for nearly 50 years. This man came to know God and thereby to regard time as sacred and humanity as holy. Cloth, \$2.00

Order from your Bookstore or

THE JUDSON PRESS 1703 CHESTNUT ST.
PHILADELPHIA 3, PA.

The complete
one-volume
commentary
for our time . . .



The Abingdon Bible Commentary

Edited by Frederick C. Eiselen, David D. Downey, and Edwin Lewis

Sixty-six of the world's foremost Bible scholars have brought the best of their study, research, and knowledge to THE ABINGDON BIBLE COMMENTARY. Here is the comprehensive one-volume commentary for our day—a library of 5 fact-filled books within a single binding.

Articles on the Bible as a Whole
Articles on the Old Testament
Commentary on the Books of the Old Testament

Articles on the New Testament
Commentary on the Books of the New Testament

1,452 PAGES. MAPS IN COLOR

Regular Edition \$7.50

Thumb Indexed \$8.25

At Your Bookstore

Abingdon-Cokesbury

Halley's Bible Pocket Handbook

76th Edition. 150 Photos and Maps. Size 4 1/4 x 6 1/2 x 1 1/4

An ABBREVIATED BIBLE COMMENTARY: with notes on every book in the Bible, Archaeological Discoveries, How We Got the Bible, and an Epitome of Church History. There is nothing published, of its size, that has anything like as much practical Bible information.

**Book OF a Lifetime...FOR a Lifetime
Loved alike by Young and Old**

Especially valuable for S S Teachers and Bible Students
Widely used in Colleges and Seminaries

Highly commended by leading Magazines and Ministers
(Full particulars sent on request)

764 pages. Cloth Binding. Only \$2.00.
Order from your Bookstore, or

H. H. HALLEY, Box 774, Chicago 90, Illinois



Mrs. Engel

THE PASTOR'S WIFE

A Department for the Mistress of the Manse

Edited by Mrs. Joyce Engel †

This department offers a forum for discussion of the social, family and religious opportunities of the minister's wife. Correspondence invited.

HERE ARE SOME APPEALING SUGGESTIONS

It's Fun to Raise Money

by Margaret Ratcliffe*

SOMETIMES the raising of money has been looked upon as a disagreeable and arduous task, which individuals and organizations are loath to undertake. The experience of many organizations, however, has been quite the reverse. Besides the enjoyment of a sense of accomplishment, many new friendships have been formed by working elbow to elbow, and frequently the comment heard, when a particular undertaking has been completed, has been, "My, didn't we have a good time!" The following are a few illustrations of money raising projects which might prove helpful to others.

On Tuesday evening our Senior Choir members presented a concert at the banquet of the Rebekah Assembly of Massachusetts at the Hotel Bradford, Boston, and really enjoyed doing it. Besides several sacred numbers, which included, for example, "Jesu, Holy, Yet Most Lowly," by Lang, they sang selections from South Pacific. For this service they received \$35.00, which was set aside to augment the Robe Fund.

A beautiful, interesting, and most profitable springtime Fashion Show was sponsored by the Parent Teachers' Association of the J. H. Brown School, Philadelphia, the idea of which could be worked successfully in church organizations. Some of the clothes modeled by the school children in the following scenes were loaned by the Children's Shop in this city; while the others were sewn by the mothers of the children, with the purpose of being sold

later at the P.T.A. bazaar. A narrator commented on the various articles of clothing as they were displayed, telling the prices one would have to pay to purchase each.

After suitable opening exercises of welcome the first scene depicted an artistic Maypole of colorful paper streamers, decorated with paper flowers. To the front of the stage walked twenty-six children to show off their attractive dresses and then gracefully turned to take part in the Maypole dance. Music, consisting of a vocal number, violin and flute selections furnished by other children, followed.

Scene Two, "Playtime," consisted of twenty-six children dressed in play togs strolling, skipping, sliding or sitting on benches. Violin solos followed. The next scene, "Aprons and Dolls," showed sixteen mothers and daughters garbed in similar aprons, with the daughters carrying dolls dressed like themselves. Violin selections by a class of five provided the music during this intermission between scenes. "Sunday Stroll," which followed, showed twenty children, dressed in their Sunday best, walking around and sitting on benches. Particularly enhancing was the background of these scenes with its trellis of gay colored flowers. Edging the platform and decorating the window sills were flower pots with colorful blooms, which later furnished the door prizes.

"School Days," a popular scene, produced twenty-four pupils who, after displaying their school attire, sat at desks or were at the blackboard while two, wearing dunce hats, perched on stools. Then rang out the old favorite

†Mrs. Engel may be addressed at Route 2, Georgetown, Texas.

*Mrs. G. B. Ratcliffe of Milton, Massachusetts.

"School Days" as well as violin, flute and saxophone solos and duets.

With the blue lighting extending a moonlight effect the last scene was appropriately entitled "Good Night." Ten small children, after modeling negligees, pajamas, and bathrobes, strolled to five cots placed across the stage with the foot of each facing the audience.

After kneeling by the edge of the cots the five girls crawled into bed and the five boys remained kneeling while Brahms' "Lullaby," sung softly by the school chorus sitting in the front seats of the auditorium, made a fitting and impressive closing.

Afterwards, numbers were drawn for door prizes and the potted plants presented to the winners. With the price of the tickets fifty cents and twenty-five cents, the proceeds amounted to \$225.00, the money to be spent for the purchase of a school mimeograph. Besides being a success financially, this show provided a marvelous entertainment for all members of the family, as one woman was heard to remark, "I never saw so many fathers at anything before!" Many children were thrilled to have the opportunity of having a part, for, in addition to those in the various scenes and those rendering the musical program, others took charge of the ushering and the distribution of programs. Moreover, it gave a unique occasion for the women to advertise the articles which they would sell later at the bazaar.

"All you can eat for ninety-nine cents" was the slogan which attracted over 250 people to the annual Smorgasbord supper, sponsored by our Choir Associates to raise money for the purchase of new Senior Choir robes. A large table centered with jonquils and candles fairly groaned with many dishes: Boston baked beans, scalloped potatoes, Swedish meat balls, cold cuts of turkey and ham, tossed salads, spaghetti, macaroni, buttered rolls, pickles, olives, relish, cake and coffee. After generously serving themselves from this table the guests carried their well filled plates to small tables, set with silver, cloths and napkins, and centered with flowers. Waiters were kept busy serving coffee and replenishing the center table.

This Saturday evening dinner, which all agreed was a delicious meal, was served from 5:30 until 7:30. Beforehand, a card was sent out by the committee to each family of the congregation, half of which was to be returned stating the number of reservations desired.

Every dollar earned another in the Methodist Church, Stoughton, Massachusetts.
(Turn to page 75)

Recent Books from the Scribner Religious List

BRYAN GREEN

The Practice of Evangelism

A practical book for the minister or layman by a world-famous evangelist. The author deals with conversion, how it happens, the place of the local church as a center, evangelistic preaching, the role of personal work, mass meetings, publicity and cooperation with other denominations in an evangelistic mission. Here is a book which shows how evangelism can serve the interests of Churches everywhere. \$3.00

CARL H. KRAELING

John the Baptist

The first important American book to be written about this religious immortal in many years. John the Baptist's dynamic message is presented here with originality and imagination. \$2.50

RUDOLF BULTMANN

Theology of the New Testament

Translated by Kendrick Grobel

One of the world's greatest Biblical authorities explains the central message of the New Testament from both an historical point of view and an accurate, up-to-date interpretation. \$3.50

THEODORE PARKER FERRIS

Go Tell the People

"His lucid analysis of preaching, its purpose and power will be greatly appreciated by all who feel that more than ever the Church needs a powerful prophetic ministry."—THE LIVING CHURCH \$2.00

HENRY P. VAN DUSEN

God in Education

"Until great changes have occurred, there can be no discussion of education in America without reference to President Van Dusen's little book."—Henry Luce \$2.00

at your bookseller

• CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS •

GOOD Housekeeping IN THE CHURCH

KATHARINE M. McCLINTON
and
ISABEL WRIGHT SQUIER

Did You Know?

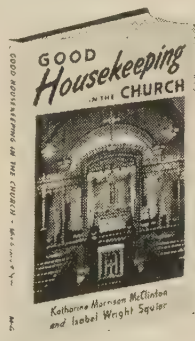
CANDLE WAX should never be scraped off?

WOOD PANELLING on a reredos or in choir stalls should never be varnished but should be waxed and polished with elbow grease?

BRONZE articles may be polished with oil?

WAX will forestall tarnishing on silver, brass or copper?

WROUGHT IRON can be cleaned with kerosene or benzine?



GOOD HOUSEKEEPING IN THE CHURCH is all that its title indicates and something more besides. It has been written with the work of the altar guild primarily in mind but it is filled with valuable information for the guidance of clergymen and choir guilds as well. The work of caring for the ecclesiastical furnishings is gone into in great detail and instructions on the preparation and servicing of linens, hangings, vestments and candles are most explicit and complete. This new manual commends itself to the care of all the churches, large or small, rich or humble. Illustrated. \$1.60

MOREHOUSE-GORHAM Co.

14 E. 41st Street New York 17 29 E. Madison Street Chicago 2

CAROLS, CUSTOMS AND COSTUMES AROUND THE WORLD

Thirty-two carols of 21 peoples including China, India, Japan, a Negro Christmas spiritual as well as Christmas customs of these people together with pictures with minute descriptions of native costumes, brief practical suggestions for music and pageantry programs. All with music, the original language added in case of Dutch, Latin, French and Hindi. Sturdy cover. Postpaid for only \$1. Order today. THE OLD ORCHARD PUBLISHERS, Box 38, Webster Groves 19, Mo.

From Darkness to Light

A Christmas Sermon

by C. Wesley Cope*

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son.—Hebrews 1:1,2

IT WAS quiet, dark and cold. A few stars shone in the deep blue of the sky. Menacing darkness gathered about the flames of the little fire which the shepherds had started to warm their hands. In the distance the occasional flickering of a light denoted someone moving about in the ancient town of Bethlehem. But out on the hills the shepherds were cold and discouraged. As it had so often happened, their talk turned to the state of affairs in their beloved country. What a sad state it was. The common people were poor and downtrodden. The once proud nation smarted under the yoke of the Romans. Roman legions patrolled their highways. Roman legions policed their towns, quick to note any suggestion of an uprising against their authority. Roman puppets ruled. In Jerusalem Herod reigned supreme, supported by his great network of troops, spies and his strict police regulations. He was not beneath extorting evidence by torture. Suspicious and treacherous Herod was filled with passion and bloodshed.

Even the shepherds on the clear, cold hills could not get away from the foul air of intrigue. Intensely proud of their heritage, their minds turned to the great hope of their people. About that fire we hear them talking.

"I tell you," says the first shepherd, "these are dark days. My soul cries out for deliverance. One can hardly trust his closest friends. Even the poor hardly know when Herod's spies may gather us into their net. I tell you, this is a dark hour for Israel."

"Yes," continues the second, "there is no hope in Israel tonight. The glory of Israel has departed. Even the priests bow before that sly old fox of a Herod. They say he is crazy! He is cunning. O for the old days when we did not need to hang our heads in shame, when men were not afraid, when peace reigned and Jehovah the Lord of hosts was worshipped."

"But," interrupts the third, "we have

the promise of the prophet that in our darkest night light will shine. There is our hope. Our hope is in God."

He is cut short by the reply of the first: "You talk about hope. You are always talking about hope. When the Messiah comes—how often you have talked to us about that. But the Messiah has not come. These many long years we have waited. Where is your God? When will He deliver us? I can answer that question—never! We have to trust in our own strength. It is time that our people should awake. We must go underground. We must use every means to overthrow that tyrant that rules in Jerusalem. God helps those who help themselves—that is what I say; though I don't put much faith in the help of God."

There was silence. Each shepherd knew they were getting back to the old argument. To the right a lamb bleated and then they heard the answering cry of the mother. Silence, darkness, coldness, hopelessness.

Then it happened! There was a burst of light that almost blinded them. The shepherds cringed, frightened. Then in the midst of the light appeared an angel. The shepherds could hardly look at him but they could hear him speak. "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. "And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

The shepherds looked at each other. On the third shepherd's face was a look of joy. It is true, he thought, true. The Messiah is coming. God has acted!

Suddenly the heavens seemed to burst into an unimaginable blaze of glory as there gathered about the angel a great number of the heavenly hosts, joining in a great song of praise such as human ear had never heard before—"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill toward men."

Then they were gone, as suddenly as as they had appeared.

The shepherds with one accord made to go to Bethlehem. Light and hope had broken upon their dark world. And there they beheld the newborn babe in the manger. Of what did they think when they bowed in that humble abode

*Minister, Saint Paul's United Church, Paris, Ontario, Canada. This sermon was originally given in connection with the candlelighting service "From Darkness to Light" printed in other pages of this issue.

of Joseph and Mary and the Child? That we do not know, but we do know that they returned glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen. Deep in their hearts was the experience to which the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews later referred when he said, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manner spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son."

Now there is the heart of Christmas. It is light breaking in upon darkness. It is the glory of the Lord revealing itself to man. It is God speaking unto us by his Son. It is our discovering anew the Babe in the manger and then going hence praising God for all the things that we have heard and seen.

I

Christmas is light breaking in upon the darkness. It is the glory of the Lord revealing itself to man. How true that is for us in this hour in which we worship. For us these are dark days. In a measure our souls cry out for deliverance. Some come to this season this year with so little hope left in their hearts. But Christmas comes to us with the gentle reminder that Light has broken over our world. The glory of the Lord has been revealed and God is revealing himself and at work in our world to redeem mankind. Anew there is born in our hearts at this season the angel's song, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men." We sing the carols. We give expression to our belief that in Jesus Christ God has acted to save us. Our hearts are lifted up. We rejoice in this hour. For we know that God is near.

II

Christmas is God speaking to us by his son. "God, who at sundry times and in divers manner spake in time past unto our fathers by the prophets hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son." From the beginning of man's time God has made himself known. Adam met him face to face in the garden of Eden. Abraham heard the voice of God and left his home to establish a new people in a new and strange land. Moses standing before the flaming bush that was not consumed by the fire heard the voice of God and delivered the children of Israel from oppression in Egypt. So the list continues numbering the great and minor prophets, men and women of almost every generation who because their lives were tuned to the Eternal could hear him. But now in Jesus Christ comes this further and more positive word. Whereas Adam and Abraham and Moses and the others could hear in part and know only in part, now the Lord speaks directly. It

COMING NOVEMBER 26 . . .

A Useful New Working Tool for the Minister

Open Prayer

COMPILED BY JESSE HALSEY

SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED for the minister's convenient use in his church worship services, *OPEN PRAYER* is a new and unique loose-leaf arrangement of prayers, calls to worship, affirmations, and benedictions.

OPEN PRAYER consists of separate pages, a flat black leatherette folder for carrying them into the service, and an index booklet—all contained in a sturdy file box, with tabbed separator sheets to mark the various classifications.

The prayers and other units are printed on individual sheets, allowing the minister to select the materials needed for any service and to arrange them in the folder with his sermon notes, etc., for use in the service as he wishes.

The separate index booklet brings instructions on using *OPEN PRAYER*; a list of the section titles; an outline of the contents of each section; and indexes of first lines, scripture, authors, and subjects.

A hinged file box of heavy, durable cardboard provides a convenient and orderly means of keeping all materials not in use—and storage space for the folder and the index booklet.

OPEN PRAYER is a different and flexible working tool for the minister—providing worship materials for every type of church service in convenient, instantly usable form.

The Sections

CALLS TO WORSHIP
INVOCATIONS
PRAYERS OF CONFESSION
ASSURANCES AND PRAYERS FOR PARDON
AFFIRMATIONS OF FAITH
PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING
COLLECTS AND SHORT PRAYERS
PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION
PASTORAL PRAYERS
OFFERTORY PRAYERS
PRAYERS BEFORE AND AFTER THE SERMON
BENEDICTIONS
PRAYERS FOR DEDICATIONS

288 PAGES
SIZE 6 1/8" x 9 1/4"

\$7.50
at
your
bookstore



FOLDER
SIZE
7 1/4" x 10 1/4"
OPEN
14 1/2" x 10 1/4"
FILE BOX
10 7/8" x 7 5/8"
x 2 5/8"



Abingdon-Cokesbury



A Chair Designed to Make History

NEW *Clarín* MFG. CO. TABLET ARM CHAIR that FOLDS

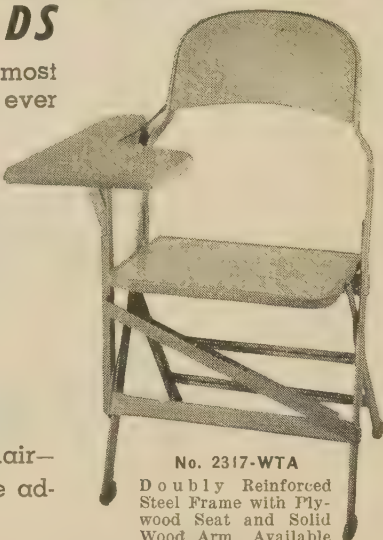
will make its mark as one of the most useful adjuncts to portable seating ever devised.

This FOLDING TABLET ARM CHAIR is just the thing for . . .

LECTURES
CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENTS
GROUP DISCUSSIONS
TAKING MINUTES, NOTES,
DICTATION, etc.

The arm is an integral part of the chair—NOT AN ATTACHMENT. It may be adjusted to several positions—

- 1) Raised upright to permit free ingress and egress
- 2) Completely lowered to the side
- 3) Folded flat against the seat for compact storage



No. 2317-WTA

Doubly Reinforced Steel Frame with Plywood Seat and Solid Wood Arm. Available with Seat only or Seat and Back upholstered.

Rubber Feet prevent noise and marring.

The Only Folding Chair of its Kind anywhere.

Write today for folder, prices and delivery data.

CLARIN MFG. COMPANY

4640 W. Harrison St., Dept. 7, CHICAGO 44, ILL.

S-D

"Get it, study it, use it!" Watchman-Examiner

The SNOWDEN-DOUGLASS Sunday School Lessons 1952

by *Earl L. Douglass*

The 31st successive volume remains the most useful, most illuminating commentary on the International Sunday School Lessons. Each lesson contains:

- Complete text and valuable Lesson Plan
- Concise, forceful explanations of Biblical passages
- Hints to Teachers—pertinent illustrations and useful tips on maintaining classroom attention
- Suggested questions and topics for discussion

\$2.50 at

your bookstore

MACMILLAN

60 Fifth Ave., New York 11

S-D

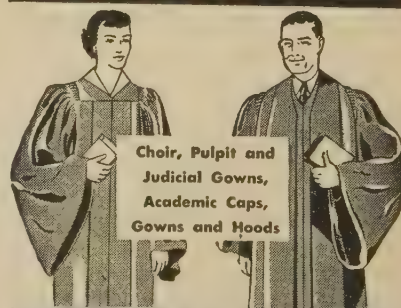
is as if there has been a performance on a stage but the voice of the principal actor is muffled by the curtain. But now the curtain is drawn on that Holy Night to the chorus of the heavenly host revealed the Son of the living God and we hear him speak to us. So in this hour, in this season we open our hearts and we hear God speak, and we see in Jesus Christ the true and living way.

III

Finally, Christmas is our discovering anew the Babe in the manger and then going hence praising God for all the things we have heard and seen. That was what happened with the shepherds. They heard about the Babe in Bethlehem's manger. They were awe-struck by the angels. Then they went to Bethlehem to see for themselves. They came away from that experience "glorifying and extolling God for all that they had heard and seen—as they had been told they would." Christmas becomes a reality in our lives only if we appropriate Christmas. We have been told what we shall find if we give our lives to Jesus Christ. We shall find life and joy and peace and so much more that the experience beleaguers description. Our hearts are joyed by the angels' song and the carols we sing. But if the reality of Christmas is to be experienced in our lives, then we must seek out the Christ. We must not take the other man's word. We must see him for ourselves. "We saw and heard," declared John, "we heard with our own ears, we saw with our own eyes, and touched with our own hands."

Let us go even unto Bethlehem. Let us bow before a living Christ. Let us take him into our hearts this night. Then like the shepherds we shall rejoice. We shall go forward glorifying and praising God.

Cotrell and Leonard GOWNS



Choir, Pulpit and
Judicial Gowns,
Academic Caps,
Gowns and Hoods

SINCE 1832

Cotrell and Leonard INC.

Albany 1, New York

Seating
SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS



WRITE FOR LITERATURE
GRIGGS EQUIPMENT CO.
Belton, Texas

G **WILLSIE**
Choir and Pulpit
OWNS

For Choir Gowns and Pulpit Robes of course you'll want to see the Willsie Needlemaster. Hand tailored for long life and hard usage. Let us send you material samples and prices.

PAUL A. WILLSIE CO.
1437 Randolph Street
Detroit 26, Michigan
802 Harney Street
Omaha 8, Nebraska

2113 N. St. Paul Street, Dallas, Texas

FUND RAISING CAMPAIGNS
For New Church Buildings
DR. A. C. HAGEMAN
5231 Waterbury Road, Des Moines 12, Iowa

offers his service of experienced leadership, tested organization, skilled publicity preparation, know how in personal solicitation.

Write for Details and Open Dates

For Greater Efficiency
STANDARD CHURCH RECORDS
Proven and Tested for 25 Years
Ask for Samples
CHURCH SYSTEMS CO.
326 W. Market St. York 1, Pennsylvania

DON'T PLAY WITH FIRE
At Last a Safety Candle
No Flame—No Drippings
Candlelight & Easter Service
For Choirs, Processions, Glee Clubs, Plays, Pageants, etc.—With Batteries.
Pipe Lighted Prism Cut Plastic Flame.
Free Literature. \$15.00 Per Dozen.
LOUIS J. LINDNER
153-CM West 33rd Street, N.Y.C. 1

CLARK'S **"UNITYPE"**
CHURCH BULLETIN BOARDS
BULLETIN BOARD LETTERS
ILLUMINATED CROSSES
MEMORIAL AND GIFT PLATES
HONOR ROLLS
W. L. CLARK CO., INC.
Manufacturers Since 1914
60 LAFAYETTE ST., NEW YORK 13
SEPARATE LITERATURE OF EITHER ON REQUEST

HIGLEY'S COMMENTARY



The largest selling Sunday School Commentary in the world. This amazing book of 23 features is a complete teaching manual, evangelistic and true to the Bible—more Lesson helps—4 teaching plans—change from one to the other for variety and interest. Nothing like it. 1952 International Uniform Lessons—over 300 pages—only \$2.00. Order your copy from your dealer.

Catalog of "Master Line" Sunday School Supplies FREE

THE HIGLEY PRESS, Dept. M5, Butler, Ind.

Gunthorps 310 Parkway
Chula Vista, California

Get results for your printing money. Jobs individually planned for effectiveness and beauty. Distinctive sketch of your church on Bulletin, Letterheads, Mailers, etc.

WRITE FOR SAMPLES

LAMB STUDIOS
TENAFLY, N.J.
STAINED GLASS
CHANCELS AND ALL
CHURCH CRAFTS

MEMORIAL PAINTINGS
JOHN KROGMANN Artist
616 Goslin Street, Studio 7
HAMMOND, INDIANA

GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN

"God keep you merry, gentlemen," was a favorite greeting among the people of jolly old England, and it was this popular saying that gives us one of our most rousing carols.

No one knows when the melody was born or who wrote the words. Perhaps a wandering minstrel sang the greeting and others took it up and added to it. But how it was written makes little difference. The carol is ours, and it is as traditional with us as the Christmas tree itself.

In England, for many years, when Christmas time came around, sheets of papers with the carols printed on them were passed out on the streets so that all people could join in the singing. The three carols printed on these sheets that were most popular were "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "I Saw Three Ships" and "The First Noel."

Loud were the voices that rang through the villages as well as the large cities, as they celebrated this glad time, and every festivity always ended with "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen."

The New Leader in Bible Story Books for the Home

The Child's Story Bible
by CATHERINE F. VOS

The Favorite in over 100,000 American Homes and Schools. Heartily endorsed by Pastors, Bible Teachers and Psychologists. The best summary of the Bible in story form available.

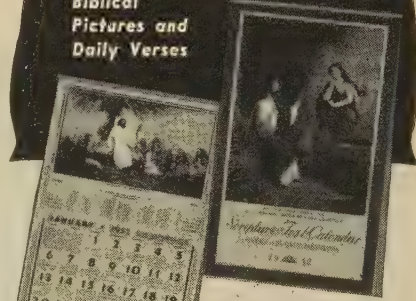
732 Pages.
Full-Color Pictures, Maps, Index, Scripture References, Pronunciation Guide, Large Clear Type

\$3.95
At Your Bookstore

Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.
Grand Rapids 3, Michigan

FOR A RICHER, FULLER LIFE

Biblical Pictures and Daily Verses



Messenger
Scripture Text Calendar

EARN MONEY FOR YOUR CHURCH

Christian people desire this beautiful calendar for the enrichment of their homes. Many features make it outstanding, and assure quick sale and earnings for church or society. Thirteen full color illustrations by famous artists, inspirational messages each day, Sunday School Lessons and Prayer Meeting Texts. These and other useful facts make the Calendars a sure source of extra money for a small amount of spare time.

SPECIAL QUANTITY PRICES			
Amt.	Cost	Sell for	Profit
100	\$22.50	\$ 35.00	\$12.50
200	43.00	70.00	27.00
300	61.50	105.00	43.50

Single copies 35 cents; 3, \$1.00; 12, \$3.50; 25, \$7.00; 50, \$12.50. All prices slightly higher in Canada.

New! **BIBLE VERSE CHRISTMAS AND EVERYDAY CARDS**

Beautiful greeting cards for your own use. Each card different... every one carries a cherished Bible verse. Box of 14 All Occasion cards, \$1.00. Box of 21 Christmas cards, \$1.00.

Order direct from your own publishing house or

MAIL THIS COUPON

MESSANGER CORPORATION—Dept. MT
Auburn, Indiana
Enclosed find \$....., for which send me..... Messenger Scripture Text Calendars.
Also send.....boxes All Occasion cards, and.....boxes Christmas cards.
Name.....
Address.....

Again in 1952

BROADMAN COMMENTS

Holds a Place of
Prominence Among
Commentaries

Each lesson in BROADMAN COMMENTS includes the presentation of the Bible material, notes on lesson passage, lesson interpretation, lesson outline, and lessons in life. It is a book for purposeful Bible study and for more constructive teaching. Preachers, teachers, and class members will find practical and satisfying help in BROADMAN COMMENTS.



R. PAUL CAUDILL

\$2.00

AT YOUR BOOKSELLER

BROADMAN PRESS
NASHVILLE, TENN.

INTERPRETING THE CHURCH through Press and Radio

By ROLAND E. WOLSELEY

Every person who writes for the church will find this book the authoritative help he has needed. A clear, forceful manual of how to do more effective church journalism—interpretation, organization, media, preparation and placement of all types of material, specific details of reporting, editing, advertising.

Includes: style sheets for radio, television, newspaper; press chairman's manual; public relations program in outline; feature and article writing; church bulletins and publications.

Exhaustive bibliography. Techniques invaluable to any denomination.

\$3.75 at your bookstore

MUHLENBERG PRESS
Philadelphia, Pa.

Biographical Sermon for November

John Bunyan, the Immortal Dreamer

by Thomas H. Warner

And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven.—Genesis 28:12.

JOHN BUNYAN was born in November, 1628, 317 years ago. His parents were poor but his education was not neglected. He said that his parents sent him to school where he acquired the arts of reading and writing.

Bunyan wrote an autobiography. It is entitled *Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners*. In it he describes his religious experience.

Bunyan's boyhood was profane and godless. He describes himself as having few equals at his years "for cursing, swearing, lying and blaspheming the name of God." He was a ringleader in all juvenile mischief, a reckless little daredevil, "throwing the wild energy of his nature into the practice of boyish vices."

Bunyan tells how one Sunday, after being much impressed by a sermon in the morning, against the profanation of the day, he "shook the sermon out of his mind," and was playing at cat in the afternoon, when he was brought to a sudden stand by what seemed a voice from heaven: "Wilt thou leave thy sins and go to heaven or have thy sins and go to hell?"

A glance upward seemed to show the Lord Jesus looking down upon him as hotly displeased. The instant conclusion took hold of Bunyan's soul that it was too late now to seek salvation and while standing there he formed the decision to go on in sin. "I can but be damned, and if it must be so, I had as good be damned for many sins as to be damned for a few."

After his conversion Bunyan became a preacher. He was imprisoned in 1660 because Nonconformist preaching was prohibited. The warrant under which he was apprehended and placed in jail at Bedford during the reign of Charles II, was sold at auction in London for a large sum. It was signed by thirteen justices of the peace, six baronets and seven squires. It charged "the tinker" with contempt of law by preaching and teaching otherwise than "according to the liturgies or practice of the Church of England."

Bunyan was arrested as a heretic, but 224 years after his death his memory was perpetuated by a memorial

in Westminster Abbey.

When Bunyan was in prison he was often allowed to visit his family. One day while on a visit he was impressed with the wisdom of returning to the prison. That night a messenger came from a magistrate to see that the prisoner was there. The jailer was able to produce him. "You may go out now when you will," he said to Bunyan, "for you know better than I can tell you when to come in again."

During his imprisonment Bunyan wrote: "I never knew what it was for God to stand by me at all times and at every offer of Satan to afflict me, as I have found him since I came in hither, for lo, as fears have presented themselves so have divine supports and encouragements. Yes, even when I started even as it were at nothing else but my shadow, yet God, as being very tender to me, hath not suffered me to be molested, but would with one Scripture or another strengthen me against all, insomuch that I have often said, were it lawful, I could pray for greater trouble for the greater comfort's sake."

It was during his imprisonment that Bunyan wrote his immortal book, *Pilgrim's Progress*. Lord Macaulay said of it: "This wonderful book, while it obtains admiration from the most fastidious critics, is loved by those who are too simple to admire it. Dr. Johnson, all of whose studies were desultory, and who hated, as he said, to read books through, made an exception in favour of the *Pilgrim's Progress*. That work was one of the two or three which he wished longer."

Before he could read Sir Humphrey Davy knew much of this book by heart. Horace Greeley had read the Bible through and *Pilgrim's Progress* before he was six years old. Abraham Lincoln read and re-read Bunyan's book when a child, till he could repeat much of it.

The book has proven its perennial interest by the fact that in recent years it was broadcast in England. Arrangements were being made to present it on the screen, but this had to be postponed on account of the war.

Bunyan lived for sixty years and wrote sixty books. His first book was a polemic against the Quakers! They were propaganda for Protestantism,

the right of religious assembly, the ethics of business, the claim of the peasants to a share of the soil, and generally for the rights of the common people.

According to the Bible God often spoke to men in dreams and visions. He spoke to Jacob in that way. He spoke to Bunyan in that way. Does God sometimes speak to us in the silent watches of the night?

It's Fun to Raise Money

(From page 69)

chusetts, when the Financial Secretary gave dollar bills to those who desired them. While some women baked bread, rolls, or cakes to sell, others sewed aprons and some even gathered grease to make soap. From a variety of such activities the \$200.00 given out brought \$400.00 back into the treasury.

The annual Lobster Dinner, sponsored by the Theta Alphas, our teenagers, consisting of tomato juice, whole lobsters with butter, tossed salad, rolls, pie and coffee, with the pies donated by the club members, netted \$52.00 when the price for each ticket was only ninety-nine cents.

Since everyone loves a bride, the "Pageant of Brides" presented by the choir of the East Congregational Church, Milton, Massachusetts, which was decorated with white gladioli with the customary white runner up the center aisle, was enjoyed by a large enthusiastic audience. Eighteen young ladies modeled cherished wedding gowns, borrowed from church and town's people, one of which dated back to 1825, as they walked up the aisle to the strains of Lohengrin's "Wedding March." The narrator fascinated the audience with the history of each gown and gave the name of the girl wearing it, who was sometimes a granddaughter of its original owner. This pageant revealed the styles of the "Gay Nineties," the "Shapeless Twenties" and the Pre-War and Post-War years.

The last and most recent bride was attended by two of her bridesmaids, who likewise wore the gowns which they had worn at the wedding. Finally, while the choir sang "Through the Years" and the organist followed with Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," all the brides formed a procession up the aisle.

Following the pageant the eighteen brides formed the receiving line in the vestry. Here the guests were served wedding cake and punch by the hostesses. This impressive undertaking was a financial success, since there was a capacity audience and each person paid seventy-five cents admission.

**Make your church
a living part of
the community**



Churches equipped with Schulmerich "Carillonic Bells" occupy a place in their community that is immeasurable. Their beautiful music through the medium of bells helps make them a *known* source of spiritual life. Churchmen the country over have found that Schulmerich "Carillonic Bells" provide these ten outstanding benefits:

1. They advertise the church.
2. They prepare folks for worship.
3. They increase attendance.
4. They enhance the beauty of the service.
5. They increase membership.
6. They comfort the sick and shut-ins.
7. They inspire new character in many.
8. They bring religious thoughts every day.
9. They create a cultural atmosphere.
10. They build the influence of the church.

We'll gladly arrange for you to hear a nearby installation of "Carillonic Bells." Then judge their superiority for yourself. Prices are low—and no tower is required. Write for descriptive literature.

SCHULMERICH
CARILLONS, INC.



16911 Carillon Hill, Sellersville, Pa.

Carillonic Bells

"Carillonic Bells" is a trademark. It denotes electronic carillons produced by Schulmerich Electronics, Inc.

CHRISTMAS BULLETINS, FOLDERS, STATIONERY and OFFERING ENVELOPES

An impressive array of religious designs for your every publicity need this coming Christmas.

Bulletins that will lend a particularly significant note to your Christmas Services—Folders for advance announcements and invitations—Letterheads for your personal message to members and friends—and Offering Envelopes that will bring a gratifying boost to your annual collection . . . all lithographed in beautiful colors.

Bulletins, Folders and Letterheads shipped flat, to facilitate imprinting. Stock suitable for mimeographing, multigraphing or printing.

A Valuable Sample Package Awaits Your "Please Send Me." And also our Broadside of 100 other items you will like to know about.

GOODENOUGH & WOGLOM Co.

HARRY G. SIMPSON, President

19 Beekman Street -- New York

BEAUTIFUL--
STURDY--

CONCORDIA Manger Set

to Put Under
Your
Christmas Tree!



Seventeen beautifully colored and lacquered fibre-board pieces make up this fascinating, educational, 3-dimensional

Nativity scene. Easy to assemble — a child can do it.

Easy to clean — with a damp cloth. Usable for years.

Size 27" wide, 12" high, when set up. Get several — for yourself and friends.

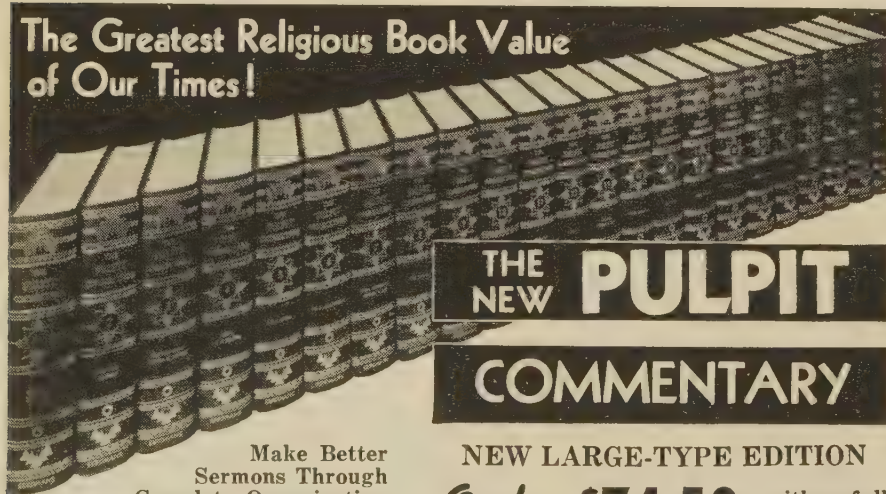
From Your Religious Book Store, or Order Direct.

Complete Set in Gift Box \$125

CONCORDIA PUBLISHING HOUSE

3558-B S. JEFFERSON AVE., ST. LOUIS 18, MO.

The Greatest Religious Book Value
of Our Times!



THE
NEW PULPIT

COMMENTARY

NEW LARGE-TYPE EDITION

Only \$74.50 with a full
year to pay

Make Better
Sermons Through
Complete Organization

- Stimulates Originality
- Orthodox, Evangelical, Interdenominational
- Treats Every Bible Verse and Chapter
- 26,512 Pages, 9,500 Subjects
- Now in Only 23 Volumes with 15% Larger Clear Type

THE MOST WIDELY USED SERMON
COMMENTARY IN THE WORLD

Wm. B. Eerdmans PUBLISHING COMPANY

255 Jefferson Avenue, S. E.
Grand Rapids 3, Michigan

MAIL THIS COUPON TODAY

Please ship one set of THE PULPIT COMMENTARY for only \$74.50. I enclose payment of \$14.50 and agree to pay \$5.00 each month for 12 months.

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY..... STATE.....

GOOD KING WENCESLAUS

More than a thousand years ago in Bohemia, there lived a noble duke named Wenceslaus. He ruled the people of his many lands with such wisdom and kindness that many spoke of him as a saint.

When the Christmas season approached, he would see that it was celebrated in every church and home throughout his land. If parents were too poor to provide gifts for their children, Wenceslaus would give them presents. He distributed food and clothing to his subjects so that they would not be hungry or cold on such a happy day.

We do not know who wrote the words or the music, but none is more expressive of the Spirit of Christmas. It tells of how the good duke and his page walked through deep drifts of snow to carry food and wine to a poor peasant who lived far in the mountains. The page grew tired and his feet were slowly freezing. The duke told the little fellow to walk in his footsteps so that he would not have to step into the deep snow. According to the carol, there was warmth where the Duke had stepped.

The carol ends with the moral, "Therefore, Christian men, be sure, wealth or rank possessing, ye who now will bless the poor, shall yourselves receive blessing."

ILLUMINATED CHURCH SIGNS

BEAUTIFUL
PERMANENT
LOW COST

(Send for Catalog)

THE WINONA
CHURCH SIGN CO.

Dept. CM-1051

Winona Lake, Indiana



BAPTISTRY

Instantaneous Gas Water Heater

450 G. P. H. — 20" Rise

Also furnishes hot water to church kitchen and rest rooms. Write for folders. Special discount to churches.

LITTLE GIANT MFG. CO.

907-7th

Dept. 13

Orange, Texas

Choir & Pulpit GOWNS



Fine materials, beautiful work, pleasingly low prices. Catalog and samples on request. State your needs and name of church.

DeMoulin Bros. & Co.
1161 South 4th St., Greenville, Ill.

Church Windows

DESIGNS AND QUOTATIONS
FURNISHED UPON REQUEST

Pittsburgh Stained Glass Studios

Warden and McCartney Sts., Pittsburgh Pa.

- THE CHURCH LAWYER -

Modified Use of Bequests
to Churches

by Arthur L. H. Street

THERE is a very important rule of law that often is applied to testamentary gifts when the testator's general, but not specific, wishes can be carried out. Lawyers and judges refer to the rule as the *cy pres* doctrine. As shown below the rule permits, in proper cases, the use of a gift for specific purpose that the testator did not have in mind as a substitute for the purpose he had in mind when that cannot be carried out.

A decision lately rendered by the New Jersey Superior Court applies the rule to an interesting and practical situation. [Morristown Trust Co. v. Protestant Episcopal Church, Diocese of Florida, 61 Atl. 2d 762.]

A New Jersey woman bequeathed \$5,000 "to be used for the GLORY OF GOD and support of ALL SAINTS CHURCH, Huntington, Florida, & in memory of my beloved sister Elizabeth Wilson, as follows, namely that this sum be suitably invested and that of the annual interest a sufficient sum shall be used first to pay the fire insurance on the church and contents and to keep this house of God and its grounds in thorough repair and good condition, this matter having been neglected by the Church authorities, also such sum as my appointed Trustees shall direct may be used for the benefit of the Sunday School attached to this Church, of the remaining interest a suitable sum shall be paid to the pastor, or minister appointed to conduct the services in connection with this Church, and in the event of no services being held regularly my trustees shall have the power to withhold and I direct them to withhold this salary until such time as the services shall be resumed, or to pay in such proportion as they shall see fit. In the event of fire or any other element destroying the Church or part of it, the amount shall be withheld until the Church or such part is rebuilt, and if

however the Church or part of it is not rebuilt for a period of five years this bequest shall lapse and the sum revert to my estate."

The provision of the will was carried out for more than 40 years, when the church building was removed to Murray Hill, about 60 miles away. The removal was caused by the departure from Huntington of all communicants of the church, and the need for a place of worship at Murray Hill. The Florida diocese owns the sites both at Huntington and Murray Hill, and administers the affairs of all congregations within its territory.

The lawsuit involved the question whether the principal of this trust fund should go to the testatrix's heirs on a theory that the provisions of the will could no longer be carried out. The court decided that the diocese was entitled to continue to receive the income from the fund.

Explaining the *cy pres* doctrine, as defined by an earlier decision of a New Jersey court, the court quoted from that decision:

"Where a testator has two objects in view, one primary or general, and the other secondary or particular, and these are, literally speaking, incompatible, the secondary object must be sacrificed in order that effect may be given to the general object. Where the will exhibits an intention that the donation shall be devoted to a special charitable purpose and prescribes a particular mode or means by which the purpose shall be carried out, the failure of the mode or means, after the donation has taken effect, will not defeat the charitable purpose. The specification of the manner of doing the thing often is only directory, and the implication in such case is that the donor has intended that his purpose shall, if necessary, be effectuated in some other way. This is not substituting a different charity

"...and on
Earth Peace"

A new filmstrip
in full color.

Here is a completely planned
Worship Service, to bring to your
audience the glorious story of
Christmas, in full natural color.

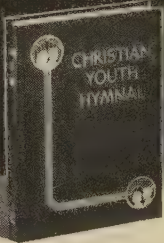
Based on scenes from the slide set
CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS and
produced for Broadman Films, this
new color filmstrip will thrill
and inspire both young and old,
with beautiful Christmas pictures
and familiar Christmas Carols.

Complete with Program Guide . . . \$5.00

See Your Dealer or Write

CHURCH-CRAFT
Pictures

3312 LINDELL BLVD. • ST. LOUIS 3, MO.



Highlight Worship
in Music with

CHRISTIAN
YOUTH HYMNAL

A DISTINCTLY modern hymnal
designed to meet the worship
needs of Christian young people.
Contains balanced selection of usable
hymns from both the classics of our
heritage and the more recent expres-
sions of Christian devotion. Many
supplemental helps for worship
planned expressly for boys and girls
are included.

MUHLBERG PRESS
1227 Spruce St. Philadelphia 7

Please send me an examination copy of the
Christian Youth Hymnal. CM

Name.....
Address.....
City.....
My position is.....
We will need books about..... DATE



Facts... about Fund Raising

What should you know about fund raising?

To answer that question, we have prepared

an interesting brochure—FUND RAISING—

which we will send to you upon request.

It may well prove the answer to your

financing problems.

Write to Department Z4 for your copy

B. H. Lawson Associates

INCORPORATED

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NEW YORK

MIDWEST FOLDING TABLES
LAST LONGER!
LOOK BETTER!

**SEAT MORE PEOPLE
WITH MORE LEG ROOM!**

Automatic Lock Secures Legs
in Place . . . Won't
Collapse

CHOICE
OF TOPS
Plywood,
Masonite, For-
mica or Linoleum

Write for Illustrated Literature

MIDWEST FOLDING PRODUCTS
ROSELLE, ILLINOIS

**SOLD
ONLY
THRU
DEALERS**

for the one which the donor founded, and which has failed, but it is carrying out the donor's general intention by the use of means other than those specified by the donor, when the specific means have become impracticable."

The court concluded:

"What the testatrix had in mind was to create a trust 'for the Glory of God.' That was her primary and dominant intention. I doubt not that had testatrix foreseen that the church building located at Huntington would at some future time be removed from Huntington to Murray Hill to meet the needs of the Episcopalian members of that community for a place of worship that she would have provided for the continuance of the trust at that place. The gift should not be held to lapse and thus defeat the primary intention of the testatrix.

"It is concluded that under a proper construction of the codicil to the will of decedent and by the application of the equitable doctrine of *cy pres*, the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida, is entitled to the income from the trust created to support and maintain St. Stephens' Mission in Murray Hill where the original church building of All Saints Church formerly located at Huntington, is now located, and for the support of the organized missions generally of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Florida. Thus the trust will be continued for the use for which the testatrix intended it."

**FOAM RUBBER
CUSHIONS**

PEW

**COMMUNION
KNEELER**

Filled with foam rubber. Zippered removable cover in your choice of wide color range of ecclesiastical velour.

**SAMPLES AND PRICES ON REQUEST
BERNARD-SMITHLINE CO.**

23-06 38TH AVE., LONG ISLAND CITY, N. Y.

PICTURE POST CARDS OF YOUR CHURCH

Reproduced From Your Own Photos

Create greater interest in your Church, School, and Institutional activities with beautiful ARTVUE Picture Post Cards. ARTVUES are inexpensive—Treasured by all.

Splendid Publicity • Cash Profits

Send for Free Folder C. M.

ARTVUE POST CARD CO.

225 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK 10, N. Y.

The BULLETIN BOARD

By Charley Grant

Many a tombstone lies on its face while standing.

* * *

Whitewash always shows up the blackest in the limelight.

* * *

Oversleeping keeps a lot of dreams from coming true.

* * *

Some folks never start being good until they begin feeling bad.

* * *

Where you go hereafter depends on what you go after here.

* * *

Many people get a good cleaning in a dirty deal.

* * *

It's always bad taste to feel bitter and get sour.

* * *

If the church aims to hit sin it should pull the trigger.

* * *

The parson should tell folks how to get on, not where to get off.

* * *

Cheap skates never cut much ice.

* * *

Too many people have Sunday as their weak day.

* * *

Blessed is the preacher with a fiery message and a burning heart.

* * *

Those who drink like a fish will not be long in the swim.

* * *

No sermon is stronger than its weakest think.

* * *

These days it takes hard paddling to have smooth sailing.

* * *

Be sure that you are right and you won't get left.

* * *

To brighten your skies why not make light of your troubles?

* * *

One good way to break a bad habit: drop it.

* * *

A fast life usually ends up with slow music.

* * *

A mule can't kick while pulling.

* * *

It's always the spoiled brat that gets fresh.

* * *

Real church timber is made by plank-ing down.

FOR A BETTER CHRISTMAS **DIETZ** SUPPLIES



The First Christmas
Unusual Flannelgraph Story—8 pages of colored figures on "FLANNELBLOT" stock and Lesson Text, only.....\$1.00

First Christmas Coloring Set
Fascinating form of The Nativity; creative, educational handwork. Color background 17½ in. x 10½ in. Guide for correct coloring of figures, etc.\$3.95

Unusual Greeting Cards
De Luxe assortment in gift box, 21 beautiful folders, Bible verses, envelopes.....\$1.00
Magna assortment (12) 5¼ in. sq. Christ-honoring60c

Children's Jig-Saw Puzzle Cards
Christmas message and Bible verse;
4 easy designs, ea. 12c; Doz. \$1.20

Buttons and Bangles
"Joy to the World" Button in red and green, ¾ in. Doz. 25c; 100...\$2.00
Bell design Bangle with message, pin attachment. Doz. 25c; 100....\$1.50



Christmas Candy Box
Half pound, tape handles, fine color work, 3 designs. Doz. 30c; 100, \$1.85

Christmas Souvenir Tag
Bible scene in color. Die-cut, corded. Doz. 25c; 100.....\$1.50

String-tie designs: bells, candles, Scripture texts. Doz. 15c; 100, \$1.00

Programs and Pageants
A large variety—see catalog. "It's Christmas" contains 3 separate easy programs. Per copy.....50c



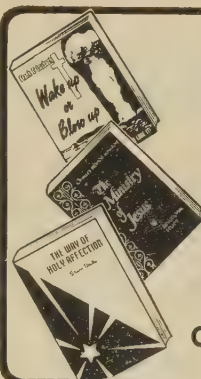
New Gospel Christmas Folders—Unique and really different. 6 designs, rich coloring, French folds, winning gospel messages. Special value, each with envelope. 5c, 21 for \$1.00, 100.....\$4.50

Bulletin, Envelopes, etc. Publicize your Christmas program, attractive designs; request samples.

Complete Catalog of Supplies and Lesson Material gladly sent on request.

WM. H. DIETZ, INC.

Order your Christmas needs today.
10 So. Wabash Avenue, Dept. 24, Chicago 3, Illinois



Can I Help you

find the outstanding books that will aid your spiritual growth? Our Advisory Board consists of Glenn Clark, Starr Daily, Louise Eggleston, Frank Laubach, E. Stanley Jones, Norman Vincent Peale, Bishop Austin Pardue.

Membership in the INSPIRATIONAL BOOK CLUB brings you the finest religious books at a saving of time and money. One new book is selected each month and is described in our free monthly leaflet "Glad Tidings". You may select as few as four books each year.

Without obligation write for details to Charlotte Clough, Director.



CIHU CLUB OF INSPIRATIONAL BOOKS
(DEPT. 3) LEBANON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

STAINED GLASS EFFECTS

At Low Costs



Through the use of "Windowphanie" plain glass windows can be transformed into rich, colorful designs. Easily applied.

Ask for free samples

855 Bloomfield Ave. **C. M. MALZ** Glenridge, N.J.

TRY PHOTO OFFSET

for Your CHURCH BULLETINS

Let us quote prices on weekly calendars

ARROW LETTER SERVICE

200 Auditorium Building

Cleveland 14, Ohio



BEST FOR EVERY FOLDING CHAIR PURPOSE!

- DURABLE—strong steel frame, reinforced
- SAFE—no tipping, pinching, snagging hazards
- COMFORTABLE—extra-wide, extra-deep seats and backs
- CONVENIENT—fold quietly, quickly, compactly
- RUBBER SHOES—long-life, replaceable
- SEAT STYLES—formed plywood with durable lacquer finish; or vinyl-plastic upholstered

OVER EIGHT MILLION IN USE!

WRITE FOR
DESCRIPTIONS
AND PRICES

American Seating Company

Grand Rapids 2, Michigan

Branch Offices and Distributors in Principal Cities

DENNING FIXTURES FOR CHURCH PEWS



THE ORIGINAL HAT HOLDER

has been standard church equipment for over 40 years. More than 10,000 churches are equipped. Hat holders attached to back of pews eliminate cloak room congestion.

*Richly finished in light bronze,
dark bronze and nickel*

DENNING'S ENVELOPE HOLDER



The Denning Manufacturing Co.

2028 E. 70th St.

Cleveland 3, O.

THE PARAMOUNT CHRISTMAS BOOK—No. 14
This newest Paramount gathering of Christmas program features should be heartily welcomed by all who are chosen to prepare and present the program in church and school. With this book the work will be a joy. It contains recitations, exercises, dialogs, readings, acrostics, playlets and songs. Price thirty-five cents per copy.

Write to your supply house or to

MEYER & BROTHER

1321 So. Michigan Avenue Chicago 5, Illinois



CHOIR ROBES

PRICES AND SAMPLES
ON REQUEST
WRITE

NATIONAL GOWNS

DIVISION OF
NATIONAL SPORTS CO.

387 Marquette Street
Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin



Brass Altar Ware

CROSSES, VASES, CANDLESTICKS,
CANDELABRAS, MISSAL STANDS,
OFFERING PLATES.
• Write For Catalog

J. P. REDINGTON & CO.

DEPT. 800, SCRANTON 2, PA.

Church Bulletins

Scriptural—Artistically Designed
Large Assortment—Self Selection
Lithographed—Special Days—General use
Be Sure to Get Our Free Catalog and Samples
ECCLESIASTICAL ART PRESS, Louisville, Ky.

History of Modern Church Flags

*by Charles A. Gearing**

There are a number of sectional or denominational flags notably that of the Protestant Episcopal Church, but speaking of Christianity as a whole and of a Christian Standard for World Christendom, three men have had to do, of whom I am third and considered last by the grace of God.

The situation came about thus: In 1897 Mr. Charles C. Overton, Supt. Church School in Unitarian Church, Brooklyn, New York, conceived the idea of copying a church flag from the United States flag by leaving off the red stripes and substituting the 48 stars with a small red cross. With this in mind he visited in New York City, Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, who was head of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Churches. These gentlemen interested flag manufacturers to commercialize such a flag as the Christian Flag while they promoted it in the churches. This began in 1897 and paved the way for something better.

*Designer of the universal Christian flag.

Thirty years later God permitted me to come upon the scene, finished with complete study of world history and having read the Bible through several times including the Apocrypha, I was sad to see such a dismal flag mounted in the churches as an ensign of God's glory. To me it did not become the beauty and majesty of God's universal kingdom and his wondrous work. Being a humble man I hesitated and for a few years made a study; until finally the universal Christian flag was brought forth containing the royal church colors inscribed in true original design; drawn upon from the rainbow in the sky as a sign of God's sovereignty over all peoples, nations and kingdoms. This by the grace of God I performed in 1932 bringing to the church a genuine Christian banner whose authenticity is based solely on the Bible and God's glory! No one before me labored so hard or gave so much for a true banner of God's cause! Since its inception eighty-one items and messages

The Monroe Deluxe Pedestal Table



The Aristocrat of all FOLDING BANQUET TABLES

Write for free big illustrated Monroe catalog.

7 STAR TABLE

AMERICA'S MOST POPULAR FOLDING BANQUET TABLES

Everyone dines in comfort at Monroe Deluxe Folding Pedestal Banquet Tables. Monroe was first to replace the stiff, conventional legs at each table corner with the comfort, strength and convenience of folding pedestals. There are many imitators, but none offer all of the features and quality of the Monroe Pedestal.

- *No Knee Interference
- *Stack of 12 Tables (29" High)
- *Will Not Tip
- *Exclusive Pedestal Installation
- *Exclusive Locking Device
- *Nickle Plated Steel Corner Plate
- *Rounded Non-Splinter Corners

The Monroe Deluxe Folding Pedestal Table is built "like a bridge" for extreme strength and flexibility without sacrificing the lightweight feature. Write today for full information, prices and free catalog.

THE MONROE COMPANY 60 Church St. Colfax, Iowa.

NOW AVAILABLE!

HONOR ROLL PLAQUES

Pay tribute to service men and women with handsome simulated bronze and solid walnut plaques. Choice of sizes to accommodate any number of easily applied nameplates. Prompt service. Satisfaction guaranteed. Write today for free information and moderate prices.

Free trophy, medal and cup catalog available on request

INTERNATIONAL BRONZE TABLET CO., INC. Dept. 6
150 West 22nd St.
New York 11, N.Y.

"Church Management"

Found in Prospering Churches

have been written and published as God inspired me.

Mr. Overton passed on years ago, while Dr. Diffendorfer who recently retired and I have been contemporary for many years. He in New York, I in Chicago. May God whose wisdom and power is supreme, whose strength

is made perfect in weakness, and who raises up the most humble to do him service, add eternal blessing to this great work for the peace and righteousness of all humanity, in the name and glory of Jesus Christ our Lord through the Holy Spirit, throughout all generations, world without end—Amen!

Christmas Customs and Carols

Why not give this book of Carols as a Christmas gift?

This fascinating book contains valuable data on the origin and use of 63 Christmas customs and symbols! Complete words and music of 57 carols and songs. Handsomely bound in BLUE AND SILVER cover. 35c each, postpaid. ORDER NOW!

The Rodeheaver Hall-Mack Co.
113 W. 9 St., Winona Lake, Ind.
1151 East Hyde Park Blvd., Inglewood, California

INSURE SANITATION — ELIMINATE RODENTS

RAT TRAPS

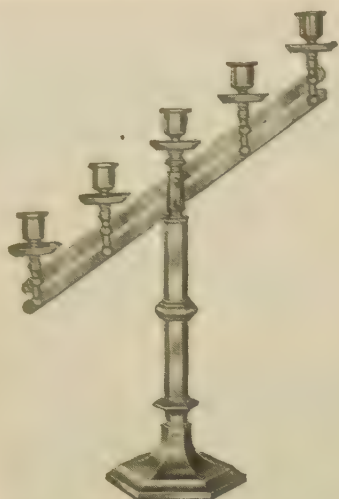
- Cage Type—No Springs to Break
- 5x5x18 Heavily Galvanized—Rust Proof
- Odorless • Sanitary • Simple to operate
- Lasts for Years—A Sure Rat Catcher
- \$3.50 Each. No COD's—ORDER NOW!

ALBIA PRODUCTS CO.
1 East 42nd Street New York 17, N. Y.

+ CHURCH FLAGS +

Universal Christian and United States Flags in beautiful sets

Charles A. Gearing—Director
311 South 22nd Avenue
Bellwood, Illinois



BRASS ADJUSTABLE CANDELABRA

5-Light.....\$72.00 Per Pair
7-Light.....\$76.00 Per Pair

Candlesticks, Crosses, Vases,
Communion Ware, Carved Woodwork

Church Work of Every Description

Louis F. Glasier

CRAFTSMAN — DESIGNER

143 E. 54th St., New York 22, N. Y.

Formerly director of the Ecclesiastical
Department of Black, Starr & Gorman

THE IDEAL WAY....

to stimulate fund raising...



BRONZE TABLETS

- church tablets
- door plates
- room tablets
- memorials
- pew plates
- honor rolls

Do as churches and charitable organizations from coast to coast do—make U. S. BRONZE your source for Bronze Tablets of rare beauty and distinction. Our modern plant and art bronze foundry—one of the largest in the country devoted exclusively to bronze tablet work—assure you of the finest quality at lowest prices.

WRITE FOR FREE ILLUSTRATED CATALOG
PROMPT MAIL SERVICE • FREE SKETCHES • FREE ESTIMATES

"Bronze Tablet Headquarters"

UNITED STATES BRONZE SIGN CO., INC.

570 Broadway, Dept. CM, New York 12, N. Y.

WHEN GREATNESS NEEDED ENCOURAGEMENT

A Grenfell Story — By Fred Smith

The episode to be related happened in the seemingly long ago, in fact just about a quarter of a century ago. Grenfell was a name to conjure with in those days. What Schweitzer is to our day Grenfell was to that day. It was then that the great Grenfell came to one of the smaller cities of the Middle West of the United States to give a lecture on his work in Labrador. With keen anticipation I and my wife went to the city hall auditorium to hear this famous man. But something went wrong with the lecture that night. The lecture just did not go over.

That might have been the end of the experience but for an afterthought on my part. It came to me the morning after the lecture. It occurred to me that perhaps Grenfell was still at the local hotel. I called up on the telephone, and found that it was so. The voice of Grenfell invited me to come over and see him. On arriving at his room he greeted me warmly, telling me that he was greatly discouraged and welcomed the opportunity to talk with someone. I replied that that was not hard to do, especially since I had spent a year of my ministry at Great Yarmouth, England, the city from which he had gone to take up his work in Labrador.

I recall that the weather was foggy that morning. He suggested that we might have a stroll together, to which I replied that that would be fine. "Almost like a walk through London," I added. From then on everything went swimmingly. We reminisced, we reflected on life and its privileges, and there was no fog within us. After a roundabout walk of about four miles we came to my modest home where I introduced Grenfell to my wife. Then he said that I must return with him to the hotel as he had something for me. I did. Opening his valise he took out a booklet which told the story of his work in Labrador and North Newfoundland. Then he delved in further and brought out a fine large photograph of himself. I have the two gifts beside me now. Across the foot of the photograph is written in the bold script of Grenfell: "To Fred Smith from his friend—Wilfred T. Grenfell." On the front of the pamphlet he wrote: "With my sincerest regards and admiration for your philosophy of life. Wilfred T. Grenfell." We parted with sunshine in our hearts. I with my two unexpected souvenirs conscious that Grenfell now had risen above his temporary depression.

To the above might be attached the
(Turn to page 86)

ELECTRIC ORGANS

for Small Church
or Chapel

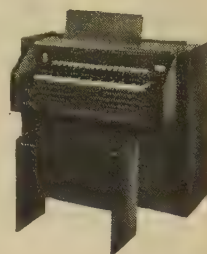
Other models as low
as \$75. Write for
catalogue on all these
organs.

We can also supply
you with stained
glass and church furni-
ture of all kinds.

Free Catalogue.

WHITTEMORE ASSOCIATES

16 Ashburton Place, Boston 8, Mass.



**IMMEDIATE
DELIVERY!**



All types of wood and
steel folding, non-folding
chairs and folding tables
in stock.

Save time! State type and
quantity under considera-
tion.

Write
for
Prices,
Information

Adirondack Chair Co. Dept. K, 1140 Broadway
(Nr. 26 St.) N.Y. 1, N.Y.

UNION LESSON HELPS

on the International Uniform Lessons

SAFE
TIME-
TRIED

are based
squarely on
the Bible

Union Lesson Helps stand for and emphasize the
foundation truths held in common by all evangelical
Christians. Undenominational and uncontroversial,
they can be used with safety in any Sunday school.

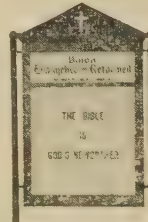
Write for free specimens

AMERICAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION

1816 Chestnut Street

Philadelphia, Pa.

Electric Lighted CHURCH BULLETINS HONOR ROLLS



Send for FREE Cata-
log containing illustra-
tions and prices of the
various types of bulle-
tins made by us. A post
card will do! Please
mention name of your
church.

THE ASHTABULA SIGN CO.

Department C

Ashtabula, Ohio



clearlute
COMMUNION CUPS
\$8.167
\$1.25 Doz.

Sudbury
BRASS GOODS CO.

Unbreakable... moulded
to look like glass. Light-
weight, noise free. Eco-
nomical. Standard height.
Order from your dealer.

SPECIAL OFFER

Mail \$1.00 for trial lot of
one dozen sent postpaid.

55 Sudbury St., Boston 14, Mass.

TWO RECORDS FOR LOCAL CHURCH EFFICIENCY

THE FAMILY-FILE CHURCH RECORD FOLDER*

NOTE THESE FEATURES

1. Fits the standard size letter filing cabinet
2. Complete church record for each member of the family
3. Records pastoral calls
4. Provides a folder for supplementary family information, confidential counseling material, etc.
5. Flexible for churches of various sizes

PRICE—6½¢ Each

If you now have a filing case the complete system for a church of 100 families will cost but \$6.50; a church with 200 families, \$13.00; a church of 500 families, \$32.50. Carriage prepaid from Cleveland if remittance accompanies the order.

*Developed under the supervision of John W. Meister, and first used in the First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The image shows a sample of the Family-File Church Record Folder. It is a large, rectangular card with a header section for family information (Family Name, Address, Telephone, etc.) and a main section for church activities and interests. The main section is divided into columns for various church departments and activities, with rows for each family member. The card is designed to be filed in a standard letter filing cabinet.

Note that the family name is visible at all times. The information for each member is complete. Actual size of folder 9¼" x 11¾"

THE DOUBLE LIFE FINANCIAL RECORD

NOTE THESE FEATURES

- LARGE SIZE**—9¼" x 11¾". Large enough for easy, legible entries
- EASY FILING**—Fits the standard letter size filing cabinet
- LONG WEAR**—Printed on a heavy white card stock
- THREE RECORDS IN ONE**—Three records, local, benevolence and special, on one card
- TWO-YEAR RECORD**—Identical copy on both sides of the card
- COMPACT**—Five hundred cards take but six inches in your filing cabinet
- LOW COST**—Each card, 5½¢; cost per pledge, but 2¾¢ per year

PRICES

5½¢ each; 50 for \$2.75; 100 for \$5.50; 200 for \$11.00; 500 for \$27.50

Send ten cents for a sample of each of these two records

The image shows a sample of the Double Life Financial Record card. It is a large, rectangular card with a header section for family information (Name, Address, etc.) and a main section for financial records. The main section is divided into columns for various financial categories (Local, Benevolence, Special, etc.) and rows for each family member. The card is designed to be filed in a standard letter filing cabinet.

Carriage prepaid from Cleveland if remittance accompanies the order

CHURCH MANAGEMENT, INC.,

1900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland 15, Ohio



Now!

A TUBULAR
FOLDING CHAIR
ESPECIALLY
DESIGNED FOR
INSTITUTIONAL
USE

The
NORCOR
302

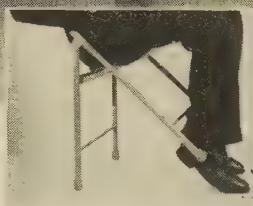
Here it is! America's
Strongest, Safest, Most Comfort-
able Institutional Folding Chair!

Built with a big, oversize, form-
fitting seat that provides maximum
comfort for the 250 pounder as
well as a slim school girl.

With its seam-welded tubular
steel construction, and its tubular
steel stretchers, radially welded to
the legs, the Norcor 302 is con-
structed to take the hardest kind
of service without failure.

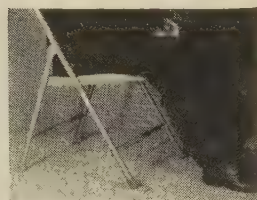
And it's handsome, too, with
clean cut functional design that
eliminates the usual links and
extra joints found on the conven-
tional folding chair!

WRITE FOR
DESCRIPTIVE CIRCULAR
TODAY!



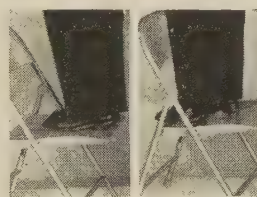
STRONGER

Built of sturdy, Tubular
Steel with Tubular Steel
Stretchers.



SELF-LEVELING

All four feet rest solidly on
floor with as much as 1/4"
difference in floor level.



WILL NOT COLLAPSE

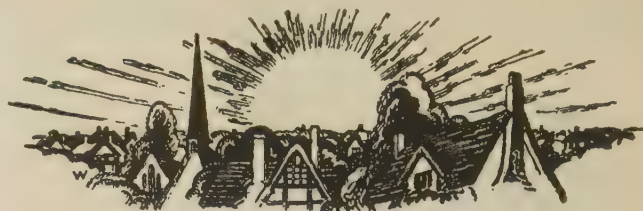
Will not tip or collapse with
pressure at front or back
of seat.



The
NORCOR
Line

"Twenty Five Years of Good Seating"

NORCOR MANUFACTURING CO. • GREEN BAY • WISCONSIN



The Road to the Manger, 1951

by Philip Jerome Cleveland★

My world tramps not to Bethlehem
This new Year of the Lord;
What angels, Magi, stars are there
For men without accord?
The U. N. O. is Manger-Place
Where throng the small and meek,
World Peace the benison they ask,
Good-will the gift they seek.

Korean-boy and Serbian,
Norwegian, Greek and Dutch
And peoples of the thousand isles
Who do not count for much;
Ten million segments of a world
Thrust forth their lame and blind
Who stagger with their ends of dreams—
Half-starved, shell-shocked mankind.

Can you not hear the stumps of feet
That pound the crimson roads?—
No shepherd passing Rephaim,
No camel huge with loads;
But, Lord! New post-war Crop of Sick,
Girls shriven of their charms,
Wives who must weep their lives away
And stretch love-emptied arms!

The Faces! Never did these drift
Except through nightmare's din,
Smoked in the smoke-house of war's hell,
Pitted and burnt by sin;
Some crawled in crater-graves to breathe,
Some burrowed in like moles.
Some ripped and tore like famished dogs,
For crusts some sold their souls!

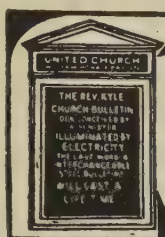
They throng the shut U. N. O. door,
Not Bethlehem's, to cry
To be let in, these weak, these poor,
Worried enough to die;
They shriek and knock: "Hear! U. N. O.!"
Lord! Do they make a fuss!
"Is there no song of peace, good-will,
That may be sung for us?"

The U. N. O. is that grim inn

★Minister, Westminster Hill Church, Canterbury, Connecticut.

That fronts the world tonight;
Will no one rise to strike a flare
For these who cry affright?
Beats no heart for these broken things
Of pain, who missed war's tomb
By inches, will none rise to make
A bed, and find *them* room?

Big Brothers—if this Yuletide pass—
Big Brothers, who decide
The comfort of all lesser folk—
If you shall fail to side
With Love and Peace and Brotherhood—
These masses, black with shame,
Must stagger from your door to die—
For Christmas never came!



CHURCH BULLETINS
Every progressive church should use Winters' De Luxe Bulletin Boards. Dignified, refined, effective and economical. Over 7,000 IN USE. They increase attendance, interest and collections. Thousands of enthusiastic letters from Pastors. Write today for illus. Catalog L. H. E. WINTERS SPECIALTY CO. 308½ E. 4th St. Davenport, Ia.



STAINED GLASS
B.F. BIEHL
REPAIRS REBUILDING
261 W. GRAISBURY AVE. AUDUBON, N.J.

FILMS — SLIDES — FILMSTRIPS
The largest and most complete stock of Religious Visual Aids
CHURCH FILM SERVICE
2595 Manderson Street
Omaha 11, Nebraska



PULPIT & CHOIR GOWNS
Pulpit Hangings, Altar Cloths, Bible Markers, Communion Linens, Embroideries, Fabrics
Custom Tailoring for Clergymen
Marking 114 years of service to the church and clergy.
1837 1951
COX SONS & VINING, Inc.
131 East 23rd Street, New York 10, N.Y.



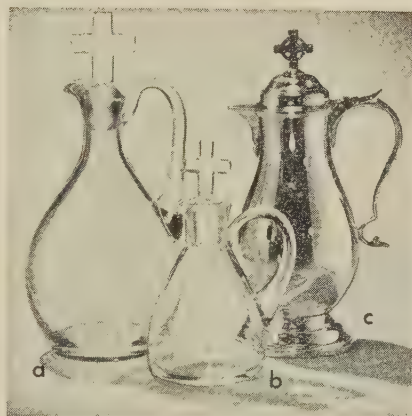
NEW LIGHTING FOR CHURCHES
At Low Cost—Direct From Manufacturers
WRITE FOR CATALOG OF AUTHENTIC DESIGNS
McFadden Lighting Co.
2308 S. Seventh Street St. Louis, Missouri



PIX helps you plan your Church kitchen

Let PIX engineers work with you on your kitchen plans. They will analyze your capacity requirements, available space and funds—then design and build a kitchen exactly suited to your needs. Your church groups will find a kitchen by PIX saves time, work and money every time it's used. Write Department Y.

ALBERT PICK CO., INC.
2159 PERSHING ROAD, CHICAGO 7



Cruets

- A. Swedish crystal cruet with hand bevelled cross stopper... Pint...\$10. ½ Pint...\$6.
B. Fine Holland crystal cruet with hand cut bevelled cross and precision fitted stopper. Pint...\$20. ½ Pint...\$15.
C. Sterling Silver wide necked cruet with hinged Celtic Cross cover. ½ Pint . \$55. Pint . \$87.50. Quart . \$200.

Stained Glass Windows
Altar Brasses Communion Ware
Hand Carved Woodwork
Bronze Tablets

BLACK, STARR & GORHAM
FIFTH AVENUE AT 48TH STREET, NEW YORK 19, N. Y.



CORRESPONDENCE NOTES and ENVELOPES

Boxed — 24 sheets and 24 envelopes
Each sheet has a photograph of YOUR CHURCH, and a high grade correspondence paper is used.
Very easily sold for \$1.00 per box.
Here is a way to raise money for your church group - easily and with dignity.

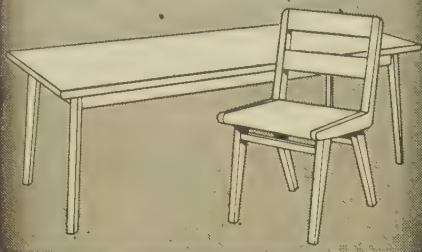
This item is a good seller the year round.

Samples and prices on request.

SPALDING PUBLISHERS
754 E. 76th St. CHICAGO 19, ILL.
Telephone: STewart 3-7230

DE LONG CHAIRS AND TABLES

A Size for Every Department



SERVICE—Hard maple stock, few parts.

SAFETY—Slanting legs, not easily tilted.

COMFORT—Padded seat, shaped back.

BEAUTY—Natural maple finish, colored plastic seat.

Tables with folding or non-folding legs.

Send for illustrations and prices.



SEATING COMPANY, Dept. CM
A subsidiary of De Long, Lonski & De Long
Church Furniture • Renovations • Lighting
Carpeting • Chapel Chairs
1505 RACE STREET, PHILADELPHIA 2, PA.



Chancel Alterations—Pews
Altars—Altar Rails
Church Woodwork



CHURCH FURNITURE CO.
JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN

When Greatness Needed Encouragement

(From page 82)

story of an unexpected sequel. Some twenty years after my meeting with Grenfell I came across an article concerning him written by one Frank Shepherd of Cleveleys, Lancashire, England. The article was one of a series by him appearing in The British Weekly. Some observations in the article led me to write the author, who was totally unknown to me. He replied to me, asking me to call on him if ever I visited England. It so happened that I and my wife made a visit to England soon after receiving his invitation. We found it convenient to visit Cleveleys. We met Frank Shepherd and his good wife and daughter Wendy. An arrangement was made whereby I had the pleasure of preaching twice to his large congregation. So one good deed leads on to others.

DRESS-UP . . .

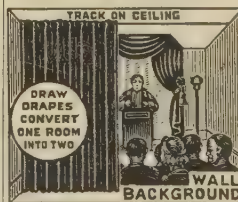
Your Church Bulletins!

Investigate the advantages of our Every Sunday illustrated folder service. Inexpensive. Easy to handle. Write today for free samples and information.

CHURCH WORLD PRESS, INC.
1900 Superior Avenue Cleveland 14, Ohio

FRESHEN YOUR PREACHING WITH CORRESPONDENCE INSTRUCTION. Practical courses in psychology, literature, theology, etc. Competent faculty. Individual instruction. Reasonable. Write for further information.

CENTRAL SCHOOL OF RELIGION
(A correspondence institution established 1896)
6030 Lowell Avenue
Irvington, Indianapolis 19, Indiana



BEAUTIFUL DOSSAL BACKGROUNDS

- STAGE CURTAINS
 - ROOM DIVISION
 - SPECIAL DRAPES
- Samples and Estimate
Send Sizes on Sketch

Camden Artcraft Co.
180 N. Wacker Drive
Chicago 6, Ill.

Choir Stoles

TO BRIGHTEN PRESENT ROBES

IMMEDIATE DELIVERY!

Write for catalog C-16 (choir apparel).



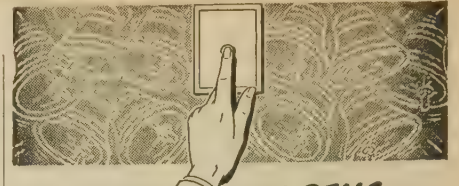
COLLEGIATE CAP & GOWN CO.
NEW YORK 1, N. Y. CHAMPAIGN, ILL. CHICAGO 1, ILL.
265 Fifth Ave. 1800 N. Market St. 122 N. LaSalle St.

THE PASTOR'S CALLING LIST

Membership Record Which Fits Your Pocket

ASK FOR SAMPLE CARDS

CHURCH MANAGEMENT, INC.
1900 Euclid Avenue Cleveland 15, Ohio



RING CHURCH BELLS

the VERDIN push-button way!

Verdin Ringers make bell-ringing easy . . . bring out full, rich tones of genuine cast bells. No records. No amplifiers. Saves time, steps, labor. 1600 churches use them. Use present bells. Get free catalog.

THE I. T. VERDIN CO.
553 Dandridge St., Cincinnati 10, Ohio

VERDIN ELECTRIC BELL RINGERS
TOWER CLOCKS REPAIRED • ELECTRIFIED

Hand Crafted Designs

- BRONZE TABLETS
- MEMORIAL PLAQUES
- WAR MEMORIALS

Have Been Treasured By
A Discriminating Clientele
Since 1859.

be sure to write for our handsome
40-page brochure of memorial designs
in bronze

SPENCER STUDIOS
INCORPORATED
117 S. 13th St., Philadelphia 7, Pa.

STOP LICKING ENVELOPES!

MAGIC MAILER
MOISTENS &
SEALS
ENVELOPES

in 1 quick stroke

The messiest chore in your office vanishes like magic with the new Magic Mailer. It's a terrific time-and-trouble saver for every office—handy for one envelope or 1,000. Just zip the envelope through and it's ready.

TRY IT FREE IN YOUR OFFICE! SEND NO MONEY! Just write us on your letterhead and we'll send you a Magic Mailer postpaid. Use it for a week—and if your secretary will part with it, just return it and we'll cancel the charge! Otherwise, send us only \$6.95. Write today—because if you knew the mixture that goes into some envelope glue, you'd never have another envelope licked in your office as long as you live.
Address: **HALDON MFG. CO., Inc.**, 837 N. La Cienega, Los Angeles 46. Dept. C-1.



Manufacturers of

Bronze

HONOR ROLLS
MEMORIALS
SCULPTURED
BAS-RELIEFS
PLAQUES
TABLETS
NAME PLATES
LETTERS



Architectural Bronze & Aluminum Corporation
General Office and Factory
2342 W. BELMONT AVE.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

"Sketches Submitted Immediately for Approval"



**NO LIQUOR SERVED
AT THESE HOTELS!**

There are members in your church who will wish to patronize "Dry Hotels." We suggest that you pass this list on to them either by publishing it in your church calendar or by clipping it from the magazine and posting it on the church bulletin board.

PHILADELPHIA

ROBERT MORRIS—Arch and 17th Street. 208 rooms—\$4.00 up. In the heart of Philadelphia. Running ice water, private baths in all rooms. Banquet and meeting rooms. Louis E. Pike, Mgr.



FOLDING CHAIRS
*in Steel
or Wood*
**FOLDING BANQUET
TABLES**

**WRITE FOR CATALOGUE
AND LOW DIRECT PRICES**

J. P. REDINGTON & CO.

DEPT. 90, SCRANTON 2, PA.

Stained Glass Studios
16 W. MACKAY AVE. PARAMUS, N. Y.
DESIGNS AND PRICES SUBMITTED UPON REQUEST
WITHOUT OBLIGATION TO YOU

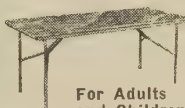
**New Product
For Churches**



WINTER IS COMING

With winter comes snow and ice. Here is a rotary snow plow which will clean the church walks in record time. Ask us about New Product No. 11511.

FOLDING LEG TABLES



For Adults
and Children

Tops—Plywood—Masonite
Plastic

FOLDING CHAIRS
Steel and Wood
CARD TABLES

Write Dept. C

WAL-MAR CORPORATION

107 N. Wolcott Ave. Chicago 22, Ill.

Service & Beauty
ARE COMBINED IN COLORED
ANNODYZE PEW FIXTURES
PRO-DEL
INDUSTRIES, INC.
RR. 10, BOX 344—INDIANAPOLIS 44, IND.

**SENTENCE SERMONS
For Out-of-Doors Bulletins**

Book of 200 classified under 22 headings
Price \$1.00 — Cash With Order

ASHTABULA SIGN CO.

Department C

Ashtabula, Ohio

GOWNS



Write for FREE Choir Gown Style
Book C12, Pulpit Apparel Style Book
CP62. Ask for Budget Payment Plan.

Confirmation Gowns—rental or sale

E. R. MOORE COMPANY

932 Dakin St. Chicago 13, Ill. 11 West 42nd St. New York 18, N. Y.

GOWNS
PULPIT-CHOIR
**CONFIRMATION
BAPTISMAL**
**DOCTORS
MASTERS
BACHELORS**
**CAPS GOWNS
AND
HOODS**
EST. 1912
BENTLEY & SIMON
7 WEST 36 ST. • NEW YORK 18, N.Y.

**MANUFACTURERS CHURCH SCHOOL
FURNITURE**

Church Pews



208

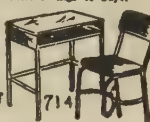
605

100 A

Quantity production, bulk purchase of materials and direct sale from our factory, distinct savings to buyer

Colonial
OFFICE FURNITURE CO.

195 NEW STREET
Newark NEW JERSEY



**THE JUDSON PASTOR'S
Communion Set**
COMPLETE • COMPACT • PRACTICAL
AND MOST REASONABLY PRICED

- Washable Fabricoid Case
- Liquid-tight Glass Flagon
- Metal Bread Container
- Aluminum Bread Tray
- 3 Glasses

ONLY \$6.00 COMPLETE

Every essential for administering a simple service. Fitted in velvet-lined Fabricoid case. Smaller than a small box—4" x 7 1/2" x 1 1/2". Durable construction for lifetime service. Ready for instant use.

THE JUDSON PRESS • 1703 CHESTNUT ST., PHILADELPHIA 3, PA.

Time for Devotions
SOUNDMASTER
inspiring RECORDS
have an unequalled appeal in counteracting the lure of outside activities. They reproduce the most beautiful of famous old cathedral chimes and renowned music.

CHIMES • ORGAN • CHIMES and VIBRAHARP

Write for list of unexcelled records.

MORRISON RECORDING LABORATORIES
DEPT. A BATAVIA, ILL.

**CHURCH COLLECTION
ENVELOPES**

for Church and Sunday School

SINGLE, DUPLEX or TRIPLEX

Send for Price List and Samples

MacCalla & Company, Inc.

3642 Market St.

Philadelphia 4, Pa.

PIPE ORGAN DIRECTORY

CONNECTICUT

PIPE ORGANS

AUSTIN ORGANS, Inc.

Hartford, Conn.

Inquiries Welcomed

ILLINOIS

-IN HIGHLAND, ILLINOIS

WICKS ORGANS

eye and ear beauty . . .

of stirring quality, is built into every Wicks Organ, large or small. Each feature is a masterpiece in modern-day organ construction.

CM

MISSOURI

1851

One Hundred Years!

1951

The installation of an organ has always been considered by Kilgen as important as the organ itself. In designing the instrument, the proper speaking room and arrangement of the pipes were accomplished, but it takes the master craftsman and talented organ finisher to install the instrument and obtain the most artistic and satisfactory results. The large Installation Department, composed of expert finishers located not only at the factory but in the principal cities of the United States, is under the direct supervision of Kilgen Management, not simply local repairmen employed to make an installation.

The Kilgen Organ Company

Executive Offices and Factory:
4634 West Florissant Avenue
St. Louis 15, Missouri

Eugene R. Kilgen, President

Kilgen Organs

OHIO



WOULD YOU LIKE A COPY OF *Frederick Marriott's* PROGRAM?

This program may help you present a recital of your own, or you may want it for your file. It is the Dedication Program of the new Charles Thomas Bettinger Memorial Organ at Christ Church Methodist, Charleston, West Virginia. Performance by Frederick Marriott, distinguished American organ virtuoso and composer. Just write Hillgreen-Lane & Co., Alliance, Ohio. Your program will be sent promptly . . . no charge or obligation.

NEW JERSEY

Organ Maintenance

Rebuilding • Repairs
Additions • Tuning

Organ Chimes
Amplified Tower Chimes

Yearly Maintenance Contracts

Courteous and Dependable

Pipe Organ Service

by Factory-Trained Experts

CHESTER A. RAYMOND

Organ Builder

44 SPRING ST.

PRINCETON, N. J.

Phone 935

Member Associated Organ Builders of America

	Established 1873
	SCHANTZ
	Organ Company ORRVILLE, OHIO Member Associated Organbuilders of America

	STAINED GLASS	
	Bronze Tablets	
	Brass Altar Ware	
	Furnishings of Metal and Wood	
SINCE 1889 THE PAYNE-SPIERS STUDIOS, INC. 48-54 EAST 13TH STREET, PATERSON 4, N.J.		

Classified for Sale and Exchange

*The Market Place for Men, Ideas,
Church Supplies and Service*

Rate for Advertisements inserted in this Department: **Ten cents per word**; minimum charge, \$1.00; payable in advance. The publisher reserves the right to decline advertising and refund remittance. If box number is used add ten cents for forwarding postage.

Forms close 5th of month preceding

Address Classified Department

CHURCH MANAGEMENT, INC.

1900 Euclid Avenue

Cleveland 15, Ohio

BOOKBINDING

Old Bibles Rebound Like New. A price, binding and style to meet every need. All types of binding, rebinding. Write for illustrated folder, prices. **Norris Bookbinding Co., Greenwood, Mississippi.**

BOOKS

Marriage and Sexual Harmony by Oliver M. Butterfield. Recognized as a safe guide. Ninety-six pages. Paper bound. Fifty cents prepaid. Cloth bound library edition, \$1.00. **Church Management, Inc., 1900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland 15, Ohio.**

Understanding the Nervous Breakdown by C. R. Thayer. A booklet with reprints of the three articles which appeared in "Church Management." It can be of great help to you in your counseling and in your own adjustments. 35 cents. **Church Management, Inc., 1900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland 15, Ohio.**

Wedding Etiquette. An attractive booklet which gives details of wedding etiquette including problems of the bride, problems of the groom, issuing invitations, plans for reception, the processional, wedding music, decorations, etc. Almost a necessity to the minister; a wonderful pre-marriage gift to the bride and groom. Fifty cents per copy. **Church Management, Inc., 1900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland 15, Ohio.**

How to Do Fine Mimeograph and Multi-Color Work, by R. R. Yelderman. A concise, constructive handbook for all who use stencil duplicators. price, \$1.00. **Church Management, Inc., 1900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland 15, Ohio.**

New Catalog used religious books ready. Free on request. **Baker Book House, Dept. CM, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan.**

Religious and theological books bought and sold. Free catalog. Libraries purchased. **Kregel's Bookstore, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan.**

Out-of-Print Leach Books. We can offer good used copies of the following books by William H. Leach: "Church Finance," \$1.25; "How to Make the Church Go," 90c; "Putting It Across," 90c; "Here's Money for Churches and Societies," 90c. **Church Management, Inc., 1900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland 15, Ohio.**

If You Really Want a Fruitful Ministry

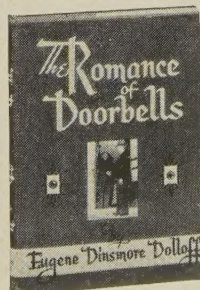
READ — The Romance of Doorbells

By Eugene Dinsmore Dolloff

Home visitation is as important as preaching! Dr. Dolloff vigorously proves his point in this "guide to effective pastoral calling." Eight idea-packed chapters for pastors, students and church workers, well seasoned with wit. The only book of its kind... one to make your calling more meaningful.

Clothbound \$2.50 At Your Bookstore or

THE JUDSON PRESS • 1703 Chestnut Street • Philadelphia 3, Pa.



Will Buy. Good used copies of "Church Pub-
licity," "Church Administration" (Doran Edi-
tion), "The Making of the Minister," by William
H. Leach. Purchase price, 90c. Must be in good
condition for resale. **Church Management, Inc.,
1900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland 15, Ohio.**

FOR SALE

**Ampro, Bell & Howell, R.C.A., DeVry and Vic-
tor 16mm sound projectors, completely recondi-
tioned. \$195.00, fully guaranteed. Stinson Pro-
jector Sales, Box 7, Oak Park, Illinois.**

Pipe Organs, \$1750 to \$6000 installed. Can
demonstrate. Terms arranged. **L. M. Horstman,
457 Oneida Street, Pittsburgh 11, Pennsylvania.
Phone Hemlock 1-5540.**

OFFICE MACHINES

**Elliott Addresserette, \$45.00; Master Addresser,
\$24.50; Print-O-Matic card printer, \$15.75; sup-
plies. Prepaid. Donald F. Rossin Co., 423 So.
5th Street, Minneapolis 15, Minnesota.**

WANTED

Projector Slides Wanted. I am seeking to build
a library of 3"x3" projector slides for my rural
field and Mohawk Indian work. Gifts of any
slides will be appreciated. Will reimburse post-
age. **Rev. Russell E. Little, R. D. No. 2, Massena,
New York.**

INVISIBLE MESSAGE CHRISTMAS POST CARDS

Peace on Earth! Good Will Among Men

MAY THE GENEROUS SPIRIT OF THE
CHRIST CHILD ENLIGHTEN YOUR HEART
THAT YOU MAY BOTH RECEIVE AND
GIVE FROM THE STORE OF GOOD WILL
THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON.

Your Pastor

Illustration above shows back of card
after being dipped in water

The front of the card has
the conventional wise man
camel scene.

On the reverse side is the
invisible message.

PRICES

One dozen cards ----- \$.50
50 cards ----- 1.50
100 cards ----- 3.00
300 or more ----- \$2.50 per 100

Sample free upon request

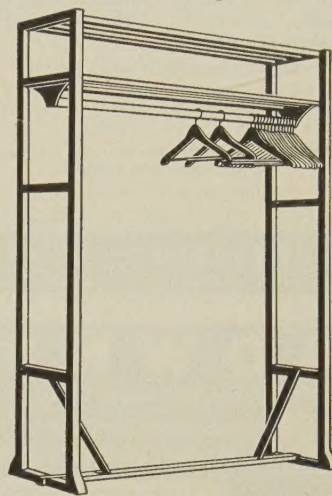
CHURCH MANAGEMENT, INC.

1900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland 15, O.



Checkerette

Answers the "Wraps" Problem



ACCOMMODATES 32

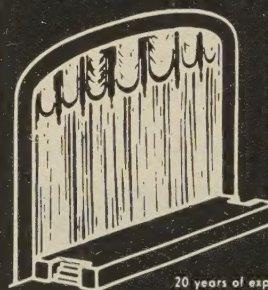
Sets up in a minute without nuts, bolts or tools.
Height adjustable for adults, small children or
long robes and vestments. Ideal for churches,
Sunday schools or parish houses. Four-foot rod
for coat hangers or 16 2-sided snap over hooks
provided if specified. Sturdy welded steel con-
struction, designed and manufactured by maker
of OFFICE VALET Wardrobe Equipment for pub-
lic buildings and institutions.

Write for Circular CT33



VOGEL - PETERSON CO.
624 So. Michigan Ave., Chicago 5, Ill.

Complete STAGE EQUIPMENT



- cycloramas
- window draperies
- stage curtains
- stage hardware
- asbestos curtains
- motor controls
- lighting equipment
- dimmers
- steel tracks
- scenery
- stage rigging
- velvet rope railing

20 years of experience manufacturing,
installing, and servicing stage
equipment for churches, schools,
and institutional auditoriums.

REQUIREMENTS FOR QUOTATIONS

1. Width and height of proscenium
2. Height from stage floor to ceiling.
3. Depth of stage.
4. Width on stage.

Upon receipt of measurements, samples
and price will be mailed upon request.
For descriptive literature, specify cir-
cular No. 300

ART CRAFT

THEATRE EQUIPMENT CO.

108 WEST 46th STREET NEW YORK 19, N. Y.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS*For Pastor's Use*

New cards, folders, calendars, letter-heads. Attractive, religious in text, reasonably priced.

INDIVIDUALIZED GREETINGS

May use your own message. Will print picture of yourself, family, parsonage, or church on our folders and '52 calendars.

None better—"Priced for the pastor"
Write today for samples

Printed supplies for the pastor

—CHURCH BULLETINS A SPECIALTY—

WOOLVERTON • CEDAR FALLS
PRINTING CO. IOWA

GOWNS

•Pulpit and Choir•
Headquarters for
RELIGIOUS SUPPLIES



Church Furniture • Stoles
Embroideries • Vestments
Hangings • Communion
Sets • Altar Brass Goods

National

CATALOG ON REQUEST
CHURCH GOODS
SUPPLY COMPANY

821-23 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA 7, PA.



R. GEISSELER, INC.
28 E. 22nd St., New York 10, N.Y.
Church Furnishings
IN CARVED WOOD AND
MARBLE • BRASS • SILVER
FABRICS + WINDOWS

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Let us submit designs and estimates
suited to your church and budget.

Pike Stained Glass Studios

145 St. Paul Street, Rochester 4, New York



HENRY KECK
STAINED GLASS
STUDIO 1010 W. GENESEE ST.
SYRACUSE, N.Y.
HIGHEST SKILLED CRAFTSMANSHIP
ORIGINAL DESIGNS

MONEY FOR YOUR TREASURY

Over 1,500,000 Sunflower Dish Cloths were sold in 1950 by members of Sunday Schools, Ladies' Aids, Young People's Groups, etc. They enable you to earn money for your treasury, and make friends for your organization.

Sample FREE to Official

SANGAMON MILLS

Established 1915

Cohoes, N. Y.



OSBORNE

Send for

CHALICE & CIBORIA

Book No. CM50C Illustrating
Over 150 Original Designs

117 Gower St., London WC1
ENGLAND

ADVERTISERS' INDEX

	Page		Page
A		L	
Abingdon-Cokesbury Press.....	71	Lamb Studios, The J. & R.....	73
Adirondack Chair Co.....	5, 58, 61, 68, 71	Lawson Associates, Inc., B. H.....	78
Albia Products Co.....	82	Lindner, Louis J.....	73
All State Stationery Co.....	81	Little Giant Manufacturing Co.....	76
American Optical Co.....	Back Cover		
American Seating Co.....	35	M	
American Sunday School Union.....	80	Maas Organ Co.....	38
Anchor Post Products, Inc.....	82	MacCalla & Co., Inc.....	87
Architectural Bronze & Aluminum Corp.....	63, 72	Macmillan Co., The.....	79
Arrow Letter Service.....	79	Malz, C. M.....	85
Artercraft Theatre Equipment Co.....	89	McFadden Lighting Co.....	59
Artvue Post Card Co.....	78	Meierjohan-Wengler.....	73
Ashtabula Sign Co.....	82, 87	Messenger Corporation.....	80
August Stained Glass-Studio, The.....	87	Meyer & Brother.....	78
Austin Organs, Inc.....	88	Midwest Folding Products.....	21
		Ministers Life & Casualty Union.....	25
B		Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co.....	46
Baldwin Piano Co.....	37	Mitchell Manufacturing Co.....	81
Bell & Howell Co.....	41	Monroe Co., The.....	29
Bentley & Simon, Inc.....	87	Monson Corporation.....	87
Bernard-Smithline Co.....	38, 78	Moore Co., E. R.....	48, 70
Beseler Co., Charles.....	45	Morehouse-Gorham Co.....	87
Biehl, B. F.....	85	Morrison Recording Laboratories.....	74, 77
Black, Starr & Gorham.....	85	Muhlenberg Press.....	42
British Information Services.....	30	N	
Broadman Press, The.....	74	National Bible Press.....	90
		National Church Goods Supply Co.....	50
C		National Church Supply Co.....	53
Camden Artercraft Co.....	86	National Religious Press, The.....	80
Cathedral Films, Inc.....	65	National Sports Equipment Co., The.....	84
Central School of Religion.....	86	Norcor Manufacturing Co.....	36
Church-Craft Pictures.....	77	Novelty Lighting Corporation.....	
Church Film Service.....	85		
Church Management, Inc.....	14, 83, 89	O	
Church Systems Co.....	73	Old Orchard Publishing Co.....	70
Church World Press, Inc.....	86	Osborne & Co., Ltd., F.....	90
CIHU Club of Inspirational Books.....	79	Ossit Church Furniture Co.....	39
Clarín Manufacturing Co.....	72	P	
Clark Co., Inc., W. L.....	73	Page Fence Association.....	88
Collegiate Cap & Gown Co.....	86	Payne-Spiers Studios, Inc.....	46
Colonial Office Furniture Co.....	87	Philadelphia Carpet Co.....	85
Concordia Publishing House.....	76	Pick Co., Inc., Albert.....	90
Cotrell & Leonard, Inc.....	72	Pike Stained Glass Studio.....	76
Cox Sons & Vining, Inc.....	85	Pittsburgh Stained Glass Studio.....	52
Cuthbertson, Inc., J. Theodore.....	54	Presbyterian Ministers' Fund.....	27
		Prince George Hotel.....	87
D		Pro-Del Industries, Inc.....	32
Dampp-Chaser, Inc.....	55	R	
DeLong Seating Co.....	59, 86	Radiant Manufacturing Corporation.....	54
DeMoulin Brothers & Co.....	76	Rambusch Decorating Co.....	34
Denning Manufacturing Co.....	80	Rauland-Borg Corporation.....	88
Dietz, Inc., Wm. H.....	79	Raymond, Chester A.....	55, 80, 87
Douleday & Co., Inc.....	64	Redington & Co., J. P.....	57
Dry Hotels.....	87	Religious Book Club, The.....	3, 66
		Revell Co., Fleming H.....	81
E		Rodeheaver Hall-Mack Co.....	
Eastman Kodak Co.....	17	S	
Ecclesiastical Art Press.....	80	Sangamon Mills.....	88
Eerdmans Publishing Co., Wm. B.....	73, 76	Schantz Organ Co.....	75
Endicott Church Furniture.....	66	Schulmerich Electronics, Inc.....	69
Estey Organ Corporation.....	51	Scribner's Sons, Charles.....	43
		Sherris, Marley R.....	51
F		Society for Visual Education, Inc.....	32
Family Films, Inc.....	Second Cover	Souvenir Activity Calendars.....	56, 85
		Spalding Publishers.....	86
G		Spencer Studios, Inc.....	58
Gearing, Charles A.....	81	Standard Publishing Co.....	82
Geissler, Inc., R.....	90	Sudbury Brass Goods Co.....	
Glamahr Products.....	54	U	
Glasier, Louis F.....	82	United States Bronze Sign Co.....	86
Goodenough & Woglom Co.....	75	V	
Griggs Equipment Co.....	73	Verdin Co., The I. T.....	33
Gunthorps.....	73	Victor Animatograph Corporation.....	89
		Vogel-Peterson Co.....	50
H		W	
Hageman, Dr. A. C.....	73	Wal-Mar Corporation.....	32
Haldon Manufacturing Co.....	86	Ward Co., The C. E.....	6, 64
Halley, H. H.....	68	Warner Press.....	Third Cover
Harper & Brothers.....	62	Wells Organizations, Inc.....	65, 66
Higley Press, The.....	73	Westminster Press.....	32, 82
Hillgreen, Lane & Co.....	88	Whittemore Associates, Inc.....	88
Hillyard Chemical Co.....	18	Wicks Organ Co.....	58
Holcomb Manufacturing Co., J. I.....	31	Wilde Co., W. A.....	73
Holcomb & Hoke Manufacturing Co.....	23	Willis Co., Paul A.....	76
Hope Publishing Co.....	49	Winona Church Sign Co.....	40
		Winterich's.....	85
I		Winters Specialty Co., H. E.....	43
International Bronze Tablet Co., Inc.....	81	Woodwork Corporation of America.....	90
International Churchmans Exposition.....	35	Woolverton Printing Co.....	
J			
Johnson & Co., Inc., S. C.....	26, 27		
Judson Press, The.....	48, 67, 87, 89		
K			
Keck Stained Glass Studio, Henry.....	90		
Keister Advertising Service.....	28		
Kilgen Organ Co.....	88		
Krogmann, John.....	73		

Fund-raising for churches is given FIRST PLACE in Wells Organizations
— that is why —
Wells Organizations hold FIRST PLACE in fund-raising for churches.

Any Church of more than 250 members
which considers

ITS BUILDING NEEDS URGENT ENOUGH

and

ITS BUILDING FUND REQUIREMENTS IMPORTANT ENOUGH

to authorize the employment of

WELLS FUND-RAISING ENGINEERS

for the direction of an

Every Member Canvass

for

BUILDING FUND PLEDGES

can always count on raising the

MAXIMUM AMOUNT POSSIBLE

in the

MINIMUM PERIOD OF TIME

Any Church can obtain the objective advice of an experienced Church Fund-Raising Engineer by contacting the nearest Wells Office. A personal visit can be arranged by any Church which has an annual budget of more than \$10,000 and building needs amounting to more than \$50,000. A smaller church can obtain the same kind of advice by correspondence or a collect telephone call. In either case, there is no cost or obligation involved, regardless of the intention or ability of the Church to employ Wells services.



Wells Organizations

FUND-RAISING ENGINEERS

Washington Building, Washington, D. C., STerling 7333

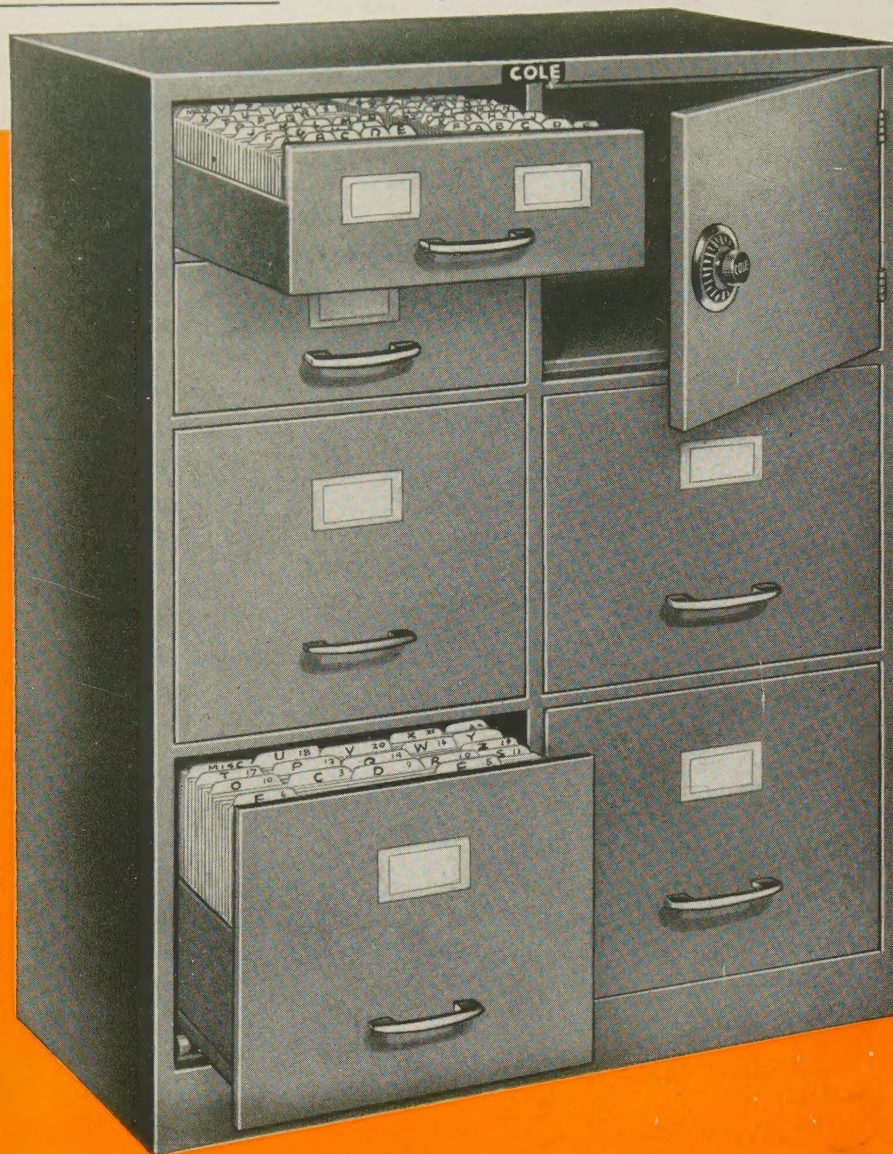
WELLS ORGANIZATIONS OF TEXAS, Inc.
Electric Building
Ft. Worth, Texas FAnnin 9374

WELLS ORGANIZATIONS OF OHIO
Terminal Tower
Cleveland, Ohio MAIn 1-0490

WELLS ORGANIZATIONS OF GEORGIA
Mortgage Guarantee Building
Atlanta, Georgia ALpine 2728

WELLS ORGANIZATIONS, Ltd.
330 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario PLaza 5878

EXCLUSIVE to Church Management Readers



NEW SPECIAL OFFER

USE
IT

FREE

FOR 10
DAYS

only
FREE DELIVERY \$
ANYWHERE
in the United States

77

No. 474 The "President's" File

Makes every space office space—all your records at your fingertips when you need them.

- **FOUR LETTER SIZE FILES** on ball-bearing rollers.
- **ROOMY SAFE COMPARTMENT** with sturdy combination lock. No keys necessary—only YOU know the combination.
- **TWO DOUBLE INDEX FILES** with a capacity for 6400 3x5 or 4x6 index cards.
- Use index files as **CANCELLED CHECK FILES**, by simply removing the partition from the file.
- Overall size: 37½" high, 30½" wide, 17½" deep.
- Ruggedly constructed of **HEAVY GAUGE STEEL**, electrically welded throughout.
- Available in Cole Gray Baked Enamel finish.

Try this amazing "PRESIDENT'S" File for 10 days and you will agree that it is the most complete Filing-and-Storage System—for filing bills, orders, correspondence, cancelled checks, forms, cards, etc.; for storing valuable supplies and confidential records—ALL IN ONE COMPACT UNIT.

No. 478 "AUDITOR'S" File. Same as No. 474, but contains two letter size files instead of four. (A storage compartment under lock and key replaces the files.) **Only \$72.50**

MAIL THIS COUPON TODAY!

ALL STATE STATIONERY CO., Dept. M
22 Jones Street, New York 14, N. Y.

Please Print, Typewrite
or Rubber Stamp Clearly

Please ship the following on 10 Days' FREE Trial:

- No. 474 "President's" File with combination lock safe, four letter size files, and two double index files at \$77.90 each
- No. 474-PL Same as No. 474, but with plunger-type lock which automatically locks all drawers at \$86.40 each
- No. 478 "Auditor's" File with combination lock safe, two letter size files, two double index files, and storage compartment under lock and key at \$72.50 each
- No. 478-PL Same as No. 478, but with plunger-type lock which automatically locks all drawers at \$81.00 each

Name -----

Address -----

City ----- Zone ----- State -----

Ordered by ----- Position or Title -----

PLEASE CLIP COUPON TO YOUR LETTERHEAD

Ideal for use in
CHURCH SCHOOL
OFFICE MANSE
HOME SEMINARY
HOSPITAL INSTITUTION

SEND NO MONEY

• Just mail coupon, we will ship promptly. If after 10 days you are not satisfied, return shipment to us and owe nothing.

ALL-STATE
STATIONERY CO.
22 JONES STREET, NEW YORK